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EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

ELDER DOUGLAS D. PALMER

★ With considerable regret Millennial Star announces that Elder Douglas D. Palmer, Managing Editor, has had to return to Salt Lake City. Elder Palmer and his wife had adopted an infant daughter immediately prior to coming to England. She had been ill and specialised treatment in the U.S.A. was advised.

Active, cheerful and able Douglas D. Palmer and his wife were quickly part of the church scene in the U.K. Their musical talents and ability to quickly adapt to a new way of life made them many friends. Millennial Star wishes them every success back in Salt Lake City and a quick recovery in health to their daughter.

WRITERS UNLIMITED

Pen Pal Contact List

★ Sister Linda Brook, aged 15 of 13, Clara Street, Fartown, Huddersfield, Yorkshire, wants to correspond with a male member of the church in the U.K. or on the Continent.

★ Sister Wendy Blake, 23 years of 43, Pretoria Road, Watford with interests in Church work, home making, travel, dressmaking and letter writing wants pen pals anywhere and everywhere.

APOLOGIES

★ Due to very severe pressures on editorial space one or two items have been held over in recent months. In this issue and in September we hope to include **all** the news of British activities that we have, perforce, had to miss.

PHOTOGRAPHY

★ Photographs sent in to the Editorial Office are inevitably something of a problem. We want to use every one but often they have been creased in the post and for want of a piece of cardboard in the envelope have, regrettably, to be rejected.

Millennial Star is a great record of our times and the expanding activities of our church in the British Isles. It is history in itself and pride in its production means accurate reporting and good illustrations. On page 36 we have an article on the type of photographs that, ideally, we want. Naturally, we still want **all** your news and photographs and even if they do not seem too good send them along just the same.

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

★ Latter Day Saints communicate their religion better than most. They are literate and have creative, intelligent minds. From these minds ideas are being produced that will result in short stories that we shall all enjoy. We want as many entrants in the competition as possible. Can we count on you?

THE EDITOR.

WHAT IS GOOD?

"What is the real good?"

I asked in musing mood,

"Order," said the law court;

"Knowledge," said the school;

"Truth," said the wise man;

"Pleasure," said the fool;

"Love," said the maiden;

"Beauty," said the page;

"Freedom," said the dreamer;

"Home," said the sage;

"Fame," said the soldier;

"Equity," said the seer.

Spake my heart full sadly

"The answer is not here."

Then within my bosom

Softly this I heard:

"Each heart holds the secret,

Kindness is the word."

John Boyle O'Reilly



Mortal Tabernacles

— and the Covenants

by President Joseph Fielding Smith

★ Nothing should be held in greater sacredness and honour than the covenant by which the spirits of man, the offspring of God in the spirit, are privileged to come into this world in mortal tabernacles. It is through this principle that the blessing of immortal glory is made possible. The greatest punishment ever given was proclaimed against Lucifer and his angels. To be denied the privilege of mortal bodies forever is the greatest curse of all. These spirits have no progression, no hope of resurrection and eternal life! Doomed are they to eternal misery for their rebellion! And then to think that we are not only privileged but commanded to assist our Father in the great work of redemption by giving to his children, as we have obtained these blessings for ourselves, the right to life and to continue on forever in perfection! No innocent soul

should be condemned to come into this world under a handicap of illegitimacy. Every child has the right to be wellborn! Every individual who denies a child this right is guilty of a mortal sin.

The importance of these mortal tabernacles is apparent from the knowledge we have of eternal life. Spirits cannot be made perfect without a body of flesh and bones. This body and its spirit are brought to immortality and blessings of salvation through the resurrection. After the resurrection there can be no separation again; body and spirit become inseparably connected that man may receive a fullness of joy. In no other way, other than through birth into this life and the resurrection, can spirits become like our Eternal Father.

Since the kingdom of God is built upon the foundation of marriage and the unity of the family circle, there

can be no satisfaction where the family circle is broken. Every soul is entitled to the right to come into this world in a legitimate way—in the way the Father has willed that souls should come. Whosoever takes a course contrary to this is guilty of an almost irreparable crime. Is there any wonder, then, that the Lord places the violation of this covenant of marriage and the loss of virtue as second only to the shedding of innocent blood? Is there not, then, sufficient reason for the severity of the punishment which has been promised those who violate this eternal law? The demand for personal purity is made by the Church upon both men and women equally. There is no double standard of judgment. "If purity of life is neglected," President Joseph F. Smith said once, "all other dangers set in upon us like the rivers of waters when the flood gates are opened." (Gospel Doctrine, 1961 ed., p. 313.)

Sexual impurity

Sexual impurity is a most deadly sin. "There is a sin unto death," John informs us. (1 John 5:16.) And sexual impurity is one such sin unto death.

President Brigham Young said that the world is fast coming to its destruction because of this. "Learn the will of God, keep his commandments and do his will, and you will be a virtuous person." (Discourses of Brigham Young, 1943 ed., p. 194.)

How wonderful is the peace and joy which fills the souls of the virtuous! How terrible are the torments of the unvirtuous! They shall have no place in the first resurrection. When the final judgment comes they are they who remain "filthy still." They cannot enter the holy city, they are the "dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolators, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie," who are cast out. (Rev. 22:15.)

When man was first placed upon this

earth, he was given the commandment to "be fruitful, and multiply. . . ." (Gen. 1:22.) No more important commandment was ever given to man, for through honourable marriage are the spirits brought to earth. "There are multitudes of pure and holy spirits waiting to take tabernacles, now what is your duty?" said President Brigham Young. Then he answered his question: "To prepare tabernacles for them; to take a course that will not tend to drive those spirits into the families of the wicked, where they will be trained in wickedness, debauchery, and every species of crime. It is the duty of every righteous man and woman to prepare tabernacles for all the spirits they can." (Op. cit., p. 197.)

Instructions were given to mothers of the Church by President Joseph F. Smith as follows:-

"I think it is a crying evil, that there should exist a sentiment or a feeling among any members of the Church to curtail the birth of their children. I think that is a crime wherever it occurs, where husband and wife are in possession of health and vigour and are free from impurities that would be entailed upon their posterity. I believe that where people undertake to curtail or prevent the birth of their children that they are going to reap disappointment by and by. I have no hesitancy in saying that I believe this is one of the greatest crimes of the world today, this evil practice." (Relief Society Magazine, 4318)

Eternal blessing

When young people marry and refuse to fulfill this commandment given in the beginning of the world, and just as much in force today, they rob themselves of the greatest eternal blessing. If the love of the world and the wicked practices of the world mean more to a man and a woman than to keep the

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Mortal Tabernacles

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commandment of the Lord in this respect, then they are shutting themselves off from the eternal blessing of increase. Those who willfully and maliciously design to break this important commandment shall be damned. They cannot have the Spirit of the Lord. Small families are the rule today. Husbands and wives refuse to take upon themselves the responsibilities of family life. Many of them do not care to be bothered with children. Yet this commandment given to Adam has never been abrogated or set aside. If we refuse to live by the covenants we make, especially in the house of the Lord, then we cannot receive the blessings of those covenants in eternity. If the responsibilities of parenthood are willfully avoided here, then how can the Lord bestow upon the guilty the blessings of eternal increase? It cannot be, and they shall be denied such blessings.

Now I wish to ask a question: How will a young married couple feel when they come to the judgment and then discover that there were certain spirits assigned to them and they refused to have them?

In the next world we are to be judged by the things we do. We will also be punished for the things we should have done and did not do. May I make this personal remark: I am the father of eleven children.

They will belong to me forever and are the foundation stones of my kingdom.

I regret that so many young couples are thinking today more of successful contraceptives than of having a posterity. They will have to answer for their sin when the proper time comes and may be denied his kingdom.

The world is rapidly coming to its end, that is, the end of the day of wickedness. When it is fully ripe in iniquity the Lord will come in the cloud of heaven to take vengeance on the ungodly, for his wrath is kindled against them. Do not think that he delayeth his coming. Many of the signs of his coming have been given, so we may, if we will, know that the day is even now at our doors.

"And it shall come to pass, because of the wickedness of the world, that I will take vengeance upon the wicked, for they will not repent; for the cup of mine indignation is full; for behold, my blood shall not cleanse them if they hear me not." (D & C 29:17.) So said the Son of God.

May all Latter-day Saint fathers and mothers see to it that they teach their children the sacredness of the marriage covenant. Let them impress upon their children that in no other way than by honouring the covenants of God, among which the covenant of eternal marriage is one of the greatest and most mandatory, can they obtain the blessings of eternal lives.

If they refuse to receive this ordinance and other blessings of the house of God, then shall they be cut off from these higher blessings. They shall wear no crown; they shall have no rule and sway no sceptre; they shall be denied the fullness of knowledge and power; and, like the prodigal son, they may return again to their Father's house, but it will be as servants, not to inherit as sons and daughters. If they will be true to these commandments, their glory and exaltation shall have no bounds, and "all things are theirs." (Ibid., 76:59.) May we all be blessed with the spirit of the Lord so that we may be directed in his ways, and may the Lord bless the young people starting out in life so that they may keep every commandment.

God Speaks through the prophets

Howard W. Hunter
of the Council of the Twelve



★ As one turns the pages of the Old Testament, there appear the writings of great men of ages past who are referred to as the prophets. The books of the New Testament contain, among other things, the writings, teachings, and history of men of a later dispensation, who have been designated as prophets. We also have the record of the prophets of the western part of the world, who raised their voices, proclaiming the word of the Lord, protesting unrighteousness, and teaching the principles of the gospel. All of these have left their witness.

A prophet

A prophet is one who **has** been called and raised up by the Lord to further God's purposes among his children. He is one who has received the priesthood and speaks with authority. Prophets are teachers and defenders of the gospel. They bear witness of the divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ. Prophets have foretold future happenings, but this is

not the most important of their responsibilities, although it may be some evidence of prophetic power.

Righteous leadership has been needed in each dispensation of time, and God chose prophets for this purpose long before they came to this mortal existence. We remember the Lord spoke to Abraham and showed him the intelligencies which existed before the earth was created and said: "... Abraham, thou art one of them; thou wast chosen before thou wast born." (Abr. 3:32.)

In speaking to Jeremiah the Lord said: "... before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." (Jer. 1:5.)

After the formation of the earth and the creation of man, Adam became the patriarch to the human family and the first prophet. He previously sat in the council that planned the creation of the earth and participated under Christ in the execution of the prearrangement. According to the plan, the fall of Adam
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God speaks . . .

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from immortality created the condition by which all men may be saved from mortal death and live again by reason of the atoning sacrifice of Christ. In spite of the teachings of Adam, people turned from righteousness.

In the seventh generation a dispensation was given to Enoch. God called him to prophesy unto the people and call them to repentance. He went forth in the land among the people and cried with a loud voice against their iniquities. Enoch understood the doctrine of the fall and the atonement and taught the gospel as it had been given to Adam. He gathered a great multitude of people into a city known as the City of Holiness, which, because of the righteousness of the people, was lifted from the earth.

Corruption soon filled the earth again and God raised up Noah as a prophet to teach the gospel.

Hearkened not

"And it came to pass that Noah called upon the children of men that they should repent; but they hearkened not unto his words." (Moses 8:20.)

The Lord then caused the earth to be covered by water, destroying the wicked population except the family of Noah, and Noah became the prophet to a new generation, holding the keys of the priesthood.

As we continue to trace history, we come to another period when apostasy swept over the peoples of the earth. God spoke to Abraham, a follower of righteousness and revealed many things through him for the benefit of mankind—the order of the priesthood,

a knowledge of the planets in the universe, a vision of the council in heaven before the creation of the earth and the plan of salvation.

Again the people turned to darkness rather than light. Moses was chosen to lead the Israelites from Egyptian bondage. On Mt. Sinai, during the migration to the land of promise, he was given the Ten Commandments for the benefit of his people. In spite of his labours to teach them the gospel, they failed to take heed, so the Lord, through this great prophet, gave them what has been known as the Law of Moses or the Law of Carnal Commandments.

Western prophets

The western world was not without its prophets. From the writings of Ether in the Book of Mormon, we read of the appearance of the Lord to the brother of Jared. As this people ceased to serve the Lord and deteriorated into unfaithfulness, the prophet Lehi was instructed to bring his family to the shores of America, and a new gospel dispensation was established. The history of his descendants is a series of leadership under great prophets, but as the people ceased to obey their counsel, the Lord withdrew his Spirit from them, and the race was destroyed.

John the Baptist was the forerunner of Christ and proclaimed the same gospel ordinances which had been instituted for the salvation of man before the world was created and which had been taught by the prophets. Then came the Master in the Meridian of Time, fulfilling that which had been spoken by Adam and each of the prophets since his time. The Son of God, the Saviour of the world, was born into mortality. Jesus was "God manifest in the flesh." (1 Tim. 3:16.) He taught by precept and lived the perfect life. He made the atonement for sin and gave his life

that all mankind may be saved by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel. The Twelve Apostles were the personal witnesses of Christ, but after the death of the last of them, there was a falling away. The priesthood was lost to the world, and there was total spiritual darkness. This condition had been foretold by the ancient prophets.

At the beginning of the nineteenth century there had been no revelation for seventeen hundred years. There had been no heavenly appearances or scripture during that time and the world was in a chaotic religious state.

Disobedience

Many times the gospel had been given to the world through the prophets, and each time was lost because of disobedience. In the year 1820 the silence was broken, and the Lord again appeared to a prophet. This prophet, Joseph Smith, could testify of his own positive knowledge that God lives, that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, a Resurrected Being, separate and distinct from the Father. He did not testify as to what he believed or what he or others thought or conjectured, but of what he knew. This knowledge came to him because God the Father and the Son appeared to him in person and spoke to him. Through him and by subsequent events the priesthood and the gospel in its fulness were once more restored to the earth, never again to be removed. The Church of Christ, the Kingdom of God on earth, was re-established and destined, according to scripture, to roll forth and fill the whole earth. Since the death of the Prophet Joseph Smith, each succeeding President of the Church has been sustained as a prophet of the Lord, and there is a living prophet on the earth today.

To peoples of past dispensations and

ages, the most important prophet was the one then living, teaching, and revealing the will of the Lord in their time. In each of the past dispensations, prophets have been raised up by the Lord as his spokesmen to the people of that particular age and for the specific problems of that age.

It is the present living prophet who is our leader, our teacher. It is from him we take direction in the modern world. From all corners of the earth, we who sustain him as a prophet of the Lord, express our appreciation for this source of divine guidance. We are grateful for his life, his example, his teachings, his leadership. Ninety years of faith and devotion! His faith has not stood alone but has borne fruit all over the world. If he is tested by the fruits of faith as spelled out in the New Testament, we will find that his life is a manifestation of each of them and can be destroyed by that chain of "linked graces" enumerated in the Second Epistle of the Apostle Peter.

Added to virtue

To faith he added virtue, His life demonstrates manly strength, courage, and moral excellence, measured not by his extraordinary efforts, but by his everyday conduct.

To virtue he added knowledge. Since early boyhood he has been a student and a teacher, in both the formal pursuits of education and in the great school of life. His experience, practical skill, understanding, clear perception of truth, knowledge of God and the divine nature of man, distinguish him from other men of the world.

To knowledge he added temperance. He is the master of himself yet submissive to the will of God. He demonstrates self-control and moderation in all things.

And to temperance, patience! There

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THE GREATFUL HEART

by Henry D. Taylor

Assistant to the Council of the Twelve

★ Many years ago I copied an inscription appearing above one of the entrances to the Union Depot in Washington, D.C., which reads:

"He that would bring home the wealth of the Indies must carry the wealth of the Indies with him; so it is in travelling, a man must carry knowledge with him if he would bring home knowledge."

That same principle is true today. If we would carry spirituality from our meetings, we must take a spirit of spirituality with us to the meetings.

Springtime is a glorious time of the year as new life begins to stir and the earth seems to awaken from its long winter nap. An ancient biblical prophet has exclaimed:

"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

"The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle [meaning the turtle dove] is heard in our land." (Song of Sol. 2:11-12.)

Gratitude

This awakening is reminiscent of the death and the resurrection of the Saviour, and we can appropriately dwell on the great debt of gratitude that we owe him for his atoning sacrifice.

It has been said that, "while gratitude may be one of the least of the virtues, ingratitude is one of the greatest of vices."

Selfishness, greed, and indifference are by-products of ingratitude. A classic example of ingratitude occurred during the ministry of the Saviour while here

upon the earth. Luke records the event in these words:

"And it came to pass, as he [Jesus] went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

"And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

"And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

"And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God.

"And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

"And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

"There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

"And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole." (Luke 17:11-19.)

Gratitude results in love, unselfishness, and consideration for others. It has a refining influence, and when expressed, can be a beautiful thing. A recent newspaper account carried an interesting incident:

"The District of Columbia police auctioned off about 100 unclaimed bicycles Friday. 'One dollar,' said an eleven year-old boy as the bidding opened on the first bike. The bidding, however, went much higher. 'One

dollar,' the boy repeated hopefully each time another bike came up.

"The auctioneer, who has been auctioning stolen or lost bikes for 43 years, noticed that the boy's hopes seemed to soar highest whenever a racer was put up.

"There was one racer left. The bidding mounted to \$8.00 'Sold to that boy over there for \$9.00' said the auctioneer. He took \$8.00 from his own pocket and asked the boy for his dollar. The youngster turned it over—in pennies, nickles, dimes and quarters—took his bike and started to leave. But he went only a few feet. Carefully parking his new possession, he went back, gratefully threw his arms around the auctioneer's neck, and cried."

Two dwellings

President Richards, in a talk at the Brigham Young University, quoted this beautiful thought expressed by Sir Isaac Walton:

"God has two dwelling places; one in heaven, the other in a thankful heart, which O Lord grant to me."

The Lord expects us to receive our blessings with a grateful heart. Though a modern prophet he has made this promise:

"And he who receiveth all things with thankfulness shall be made glorious; and the things of this earth shall be added unto him, even an hundred fold, yea, more." (D&C 78:19.)

Many opportunities are constantly afforded us for expressing appreciation and gratitude for our blessings.

Daily we should gather our families about us as we kneel in family prayer.

Many times during each day we can profitably pause and in secret prayer give grateful acknowledgment for the multitudinous bounties of which we are recipients.

On the first Sunday of each month a fast and testimony meeting is held in

each one of the wards and branches. Members of the Church are encouraged to rise and give public utterance of their gratitude for the countless blessings that the Lord has showered upon them.

An excellent way of showing our love for our Heavenly Father and our appreciation for his blessings is through our righteous actions and righteous living.

"If ye love me, keep my commandments," said the Saviour, in emphasizing this principle. (John 14:15.)

We have many things for which to be grateful. Among them is the privilege of being born in this dispensation when the gospel has been restored to earth in its fulness through heavenly messengers. And this gospel is a plan, a plan of salvation, and it can be a guide and a blueprint which, if followed, can lead us back once again into God's presence.

Certainly we should recall with gratitude the mission of our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ, and his willingness to give his life that we might have salvation and the opportunity of obtaining exaltation.

First prophet

We can be properly grateful for the life of the first prophet in these latter days, Joseph Smith, and give praise to this "man who communed with Jehovah," for it was through the Prophet Joseph that the gospel was restored and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints established.

We give thanks for the Presidents who have succeeded Joseph Smith, and especially for our present-day President. As we consider President McKay's kindness, goodness, and greatness, we can sing with all our hearts, "We thank thee, O God, for a prophet to guide us in these latter days."

MAN'S GREATEST

Assistant to the Council of the Twelve

NEED

by Sterling W. Still

★ After the Last Supper, Jesus was giving some final instructions to his disciples. He was trying to prepare them for the heavy load of responsibility which would soon rest upon them. He talked with them a great deal about his own mission, his association with his Father and what their relationship with God ought to be. During the discussion Philip said to Jesus, "... Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us." (John 14:8.)

This question points out what is probably the greatest responsibility of our lives—not only to know God but also to understand the plan of the gospel and to live in harmony therewith. The proper relationship between men and God gives life its purpose. It matters little whether we ride in an oxcart or on an interplanetary missile if our journey is purposeless.

Think how important it is that we understand that Jesus is the Redeemer of the world, that he expressed the divine will to men, that he was literally begotten of the Father. Jesus tried to help his disciples to understand the Father by understanding the Son who was in the express image of his Father's person. (Heb. 1:3.) To Philip he said, "... he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; ..." (John 14:9.) As it was with the disciples, so it is with us. Our relationship to God involves the greatest rewards and the most important responsibilities that ever come to men and women in mortal life, and it is perfectly natural and proper that we should join Philip in his

request to "... shew us the Father."

That is, the greatest need to man is for God. God created us. It is his Spirit that "... giveth light to every man that cometh into the world; ..." (D. & C. 84:46.) Every day he sends us food, energy and vitality from the sun. That is, our world is not an independent world. If the sun's rays were shut off for a very short time no life could survive upon this earth.

It should stimulate us to remember that when Jesus was born in Bethlehem there was no room found for him in the inn. But there is a strange foreboding in this thought "No room" was the Master's experience throughout his life. There was "no room" for his doctrines, "no room" for the spirit of his mission. We must not allow history to repeat itself because we make no room in our country or our lives for the Saviour of the world. Nor have we discharged our obligation to God and our own souls by thoughtlessly saying, "We believe in God," and then let it go at that, without understanding either God or the specific nature of our responsibility to him.

Teachers of religion who "call themselves" to the ministry and then "teach their own doctrines" must bear an awful share of the responsibility for our unfortunate world situation. Even Jesus did not teach his own doctrine. He said, "... My doctrine is not mine,

but his that sent me." (John 7:16.) How much confusion and actual harm would be avoided if every religious teacher would follow the example of "the great Teacher."

Christian doctrines

Recently I read a book written by a popular minister, in which he attempted to analyse the great Christian doctrines as taught in the Bible.

For example, he said that the God of the Bible is a personal God—there can be no question about that. But he said, "We don't believe that any more." And then to substantiate his statement he quoted answers to direct questions about what some prominent ministers had said about their conception of God. One minister said, "No one can possibly know about God. He is absolutely immeasurable, undiscoverable and indiscernible. He is not limited to boundaries and we can be sure that he has no body or shape." Another minister said that "God is an eternal principle." Another said that God is "a giant electronic brain." Another said that God is "a mobile, cosmic ether." This minister pointed out how completely contrary these concepts were to those of the scriptures. He said, "Imagine Jesus praying to a mobile, cosmic ether. Jesus prayed—'... Our Father which art in heaven. ...' (Matt. 6:9.) He said to Mary, '... go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and to your God.'" (John 20:17.) That statement must be clear. And yet this great minister said, "We don't believe that any more."

Denying personality

There are those who through their teachings would deprive God of his body, deny his personality, take away his senses, faculties, and feelings. They would leave him sexless, thought-

less, and helpless, without boundaries, shape, identity, or location. Some indulge the hopeless absurdity of merging three into one, and then in some mysterious, incredible way, expanding the result to fill all space.

These false doctrines have contributed greatly to the indifference and unbelief of our day. Much of the current disbelief in God is not a denial of God but a denial of the false and unbelievable ideas about God. In the light of this tragic situation the importance of Philip's plea for understanding God takes on an urgent and compelling significance. What more important request could our generation make than a united, sincere, prayer saying, "Show us the Father."

The work and message of the Church is centred in the literal physical fulfilment of Philip's request in our own day. In the early spring of 1820, in answer to this important need, God the Father and his Son Jesus Christ re-appeared upon this earth to re-establish among men a belief in the God of Genesis, a belief in the God taught by Jesus, a belief in the God of the Bible, a belief in the Father of spirits whose will is that not one of his children should perish. (Matt. 18:14.) The voice of the Father was heard at the baptism of Jesus; (Ibid., 3:17) and again at the transfiguration. (Ibid., 17:5.) But in our own day he has manifested himself with a complete literalness which cannot be mistaken. Prophet Joseph has said of this:

"... I saw a pillar of light exactly over my head above the brightness of the sun which descended gradually until it fell upon me.

"... When the light rested upon me I saw two Personages whose brightness and glory defy al description standing above me in the air.

One of them spake unto me, calling

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me by name and said, pointing to the other, 'This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!'" (Joseph Smith 2:16-17.)

In the midst of the persecution which followed, the Prophet said:

"... I had actually seen a light, and in the midst of the light I saw two Personages and they did in reality speak to me. And though I was hated and persecuted for saying that I had seen a vision, yet it was true. And while they were persecuting me, reviling me, and speaking all manner of evil against me falsely for so saying, I was led in my heart to say: Why persecute me for telling the truth? I have actually seen a vision; and who am I that I can withstand God? Or why does the world think to make me deny that which I have actually seen? For I had seen a vision. I knew it, and I knew that God knew it, and I could not deny it; neither dared I do it." (Idem, 2:25.)

A solid basis

What a thrilling message! What a tremendous testimony! How eagerly it should be welcomed by every child of God as a solid basis for his faith. During the long dark night brought upon the world by apostasy, there may have been room for many doubts. But now these doubts could be dispelled. There was now someone in the world who had actually seen God and who knew for a certainty, not only that he lives, but the kind of Personage that he is. It was now possible to know that above the dictators and above chance and above circumstance, there is God our Heavenly Father to whom all mankind is responsible, and from whom all of our blessings come. How important that everyone should investigate and learn

the truth. If one should err in believing the gospel of Jesus Christ to be true, he could not possibly be the loser by the mistake. But how irreparable is his loss who should err in supposing the gospel of Jesus Christ to be false.

Philip said, "... shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us." The overwhelming importance of that plea was emphasized by the Master himself when on that last fateful night as he prayed to his Father he said, "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." (John 17:3.)

How tremendously important it is, therefore, that both of these great Personages have reappeared to men upon the earth in our own day, that we may know for ourselves. true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou

After Joseph Smith and Sidney Ridgon had received an informative and 'glorious heavenly manifestation at Hiram, Ohio, on February 16, 1832, an account of which is recorded in the seventy-sixth section of the Doctrine and Covenants, they wrote these thrilling lines:

"And now, after the many testimonies that have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him: that he lives!

"For we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father—

"That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God." (D & C 76:22-24.)

To this I would like to add my own personal testimony, that I know that God lives and that his priesthood and his Church, teaching his doctrines, are now upon the earth, that we may in very deed be his disciples. May God help us to avail ourselves of this tremendous opportunity.



THE SURE WAY OF KNOWING

by **S. Dilworth Young**

Of the First Council of the Seventy

★ I should like to address this to those who add "teen" to the number of years since birth.

I should like to present briefly two stories. The first is told by Luke.

"And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth.

"To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

"And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

"And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

"And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

"And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.

"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of

his father David.

"And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever: and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?"

"And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:26-35)

In the account given in Matthew, Joseph was minded to put her away privily when he discovered she was expecting, and an angel came to him and told him not to do it, whereupon he assumed the place that you know about in history.

The second story is one told by Joseph Smith:

"After I had retired to the place I had previously designed to go, having looked around me, and finding myself alone, I kneeled down and began to

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offer up the desire of my heart to God. I had scarcely done so, when immediately I was seized upon by some power which entirely overcame me, and had such astonishing influence over me as to bind my tongue so that I could not speak. Thick darkness gathered around me, and it seemed to me for a time as if I were doomed to sudden destruction.

The deliverer

"But, exerting all my powers to call upon God to deliver me out of the power of this enemy which had seized upon me, and at the very moment when I was ready to sink into despair and abandon myself to destruction—not to an imaginary ruin, but to the power of some actual being from the unseen world, who had such marvellous power as I had never before felt in any being—just at this moment of great alarm, I saw a pillar of light exactly over my head, above the brightness of the sun, which descended gradually until it fell upon me.

"It no sooner appeared than I found myself delivered from the enemy which held me bound. When the light rested upon me I saw two personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name, and said, pointing to the other—This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!" (Joseph Smith 2:15-17.)

These two accounts have two things in common—both are supernatural events; both are true. One tells of a miraculous conception, the other of a miraculous restoration. The one confirms the fact that Jesus Christ is literally the Son of God; the other that the

Father and Son are indeed one in purpose, although separate individual Personages.

Now, young folks, in the course of your growing up you will associate with teachers who will try to persuade you that the first account could not have happened, and that the second was an hallucination of an epileptic. But you will also be surprised at the wide range of people of all classes of learning who not only take comfort from these stories but also declare them to be true. During the 137 years of the Church on earth, many educated people have branded its teachings as the rantings of an ignoramus. Scientists have laughed to scorn its explanations, and evil people have declared it to be deceitful and adulterous. Yet educated men have found its claims to be true and have been enlarged by them. Scientists have accepted it without explaining it and have found comfort in it, and evil men have repented and have found peace within its fold.

Choice of belief

Any young person can take his choice as to which kind of belief he wants to accept. You will be exposed to both kinds. You may have a sure way of knowing. You can know by the whispering of the Spirit that the statements I have quoted to you this morning are true, and that all of the things which have happened supernaturally in this Church have actually happened.

Some of you may have had great adventures in the hills, and some of you may have had them on the water and the sea, some have had them or will have them in the air, but I can testify to you that there will be none of you have any adventure greater, more thrilling, and more joyful than finding out how to interpret the Spirit which comes into you bearing testimony of

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THE LOVE OF MONEY —AND TITHING

by

Bishop John H. Vandenberg

Presiding Bishop of the Church

★ It has been said: "The great question of the twentieth century is — "How can I acquire wealth?"

No other question occupies a larger place in the minds and hearts of many people today Millions . . . in our land worship at the shrine of mammon. The twentieth century is money mad. This is true of men in every station and in every walk of life." (Morris Chalfont, "The Sin of the Church," Wesleyan Methodist.)

Avarice and selfishness mastermind all sin and crime. The Lord has repeatedly warned against the disastrous consequence to the soul of one having his heart so set upon the things of this world as to neglect the real purpose and meaning of life.

For instance, a certain young man made this inquiry of the Saviour: "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?"

"And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

"He saith unto him, Which?" Jesus said, "Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,

"Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

The young man saith unto him, "All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?"

Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me."

But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. (Matt. 19:16-22.)

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which is essential to a successful and happy life. Had the young man been able to follow the Saviour's counsel, he no doubt would have experienced great joy; certainly he would not have gone away sorrowful. It is interesting to note that the young man had qualified himself as far as keeping the carnal commandments was concerned. There was no serious transgression, but it was the follow-through—"if thou wilt be perfect"—that was the stumbling block. The requirement to use his worldly goods to benefit others proved to be his great test, a test that made him sad, as it does many today.

Immediately following this episode the Saviour addressed his disciples and said: "Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven." Even his disciples seemed taken aback by this statement, for they asked: "Who then can be saved?" Jesus answered them: "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible." (Ibid., 19:23, 25-26.)

Take command

Here then is the key—by the power of our Father in heaven man is saved. And this power of God is exercised through the action of his laws. His laws are given for the benefit of his children—to help them properly take command of their lives concerning worldly goods.

Christ taught: "... seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.

"For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

"But rather seek ye the kingdom of

God; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Luke 12:29-31.) There are many men who can testify to this truth.

Neither wealth nor the material things of the world in and of themselves are evil; it is the love of possessing them above all else that is evil.

The Lord revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith: "... that which cometh of the earth is ordained for the use of man for food and for raiment, and that he might have in abundance.

Gods promises

"When Matthias Baldwin, who built the first American locomotive, had made good and had accumulated a fortune, he was wont to distribute liberal gifts freely among those who had been less prosperous than he. So generous, indeed, was he that when he had not the cash by him he would give personal notes instead. "Nobody hesitates to sign promises to pay in the future in order to get capital for business, he would say. "Are we to trust the Lord to take care of our affairs, and not His own?" Sometimes, it is said, this practice would get Mr. Baldwin into small difficulties; but, on the other hand it often helped him when he needed business notes for himself. Said one bank president to another, once, "You refuse to help him because he does not know what to do with his money. We will stand by him because he is determined to do good with his money. His collaterals are God's promises." (Osborne J. P. Widtsoe, **What Jesus Taught**, p. 175.)

Mr. Baldwin may have been acquainted with Paul's admonition to Timothy: "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

"That they do good, that they be

rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

"Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life." (1 Tim. 6:17-19.)

Mr. Baldwin personally said, "I feel more thankful for the disposition to give largely than for the ability to give largely; for I know that immense wealth can be acquired a great deal easier than the heart to use it well. My money without a new heart would have been a curse to me." (Widtsoe, op. cit., p. 180.)

We should be alert to the words of Paul: "But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

"For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." (1 Tim. 6:8-10.)

Avarice and selfishness seem to be the greatest sin and lead to many crimes, Robberies, burglaries, assaults. Murders are committed because of the selfish attitude, "I want it."

The Lord, therefore, has given his children guiding principles to assist them to overcome such inclinations as they may have. The Church will help a man to eradicate selfishness from his mind if he will but follow the laws of the gospel. For example, the law of tithing is for man's benefit. As a man voluntarily begins to pay an honest tithing, his interests and desires are focused toward God.

No one who is selfish can gain a righteous state. The principle of tithing will help one overcome this enslaving power, for at the very base of this principle lies the means of subduing and conquering selfishness. Hence, it is a great blessing to the individual who will honestly live the law.

In 1831 the Lord, in a revelation through the Prophet Joseph Smith, said: "And if ye seek the riches which it is the will of the Father to give unto you, ye shall be the richest of all people for ye shall have the riches of eternity; and it must needs be that the riches of the earth are mine to give; but beware of pride, lest ye become as the Nephites of old." (D. & C. 38:39.)

You will recall the Nephite nation was destroyed because the people sought to gratify their own pride and vain ambitions. They were unable to resist the appeal of wealth and the things it could buy, loving power and gain more than God.

Treasure of life

President McKay has counselled: "Tithing should not be given with a selfish end in view. A man who pays tithing just to keep his name on the record will receive his reward, of course; he will have his name on the record. 'Verily, he hath his reward,' as the man who prayed to be seen and heard of men. But he who gives because he loves to help others and to further the cause of righteousness, who gives cheerfully with thanksgiving in his heart, also has his reward; for in giving he is really obtaining. In losing his life for Christ's sake, he finds it.

"If all would thus lose themselves unselfishly in the law of tithing, there would be sufficient in the Lord's storehouse to insure the comfort and education of every person in need in the Church. The Church would thus become the best, the safest insurance society in the world. The time will come when tithing as a sufficient means of protection will be even more fully understood than it is today. . . ." (David O. McKay, **Treasures of Life**, pp. 284-285.)

TINY THINGS

The murmur of a waterfall a mile away,
The rustle when a robin lights upon the spray,
The lapping of a lowland stream on dipping boughs,
The sound of grazing from a herd of gentle cows,
The echo from a wooded hill of a cuckoo's call,
The quiver through the meadow grass at evening fall;
Too subtle are these harmonies for pen or rule,
Such music is not understood by any school,
But when the brain is overwrought, it hath a spell
Beyond all human skill and power to make it well.
The memory of a kindly word far long gone by,
The fragrance of a fading flower sent lovingly,
The gleam of a sudden smile or sudden tear,
The warmer pressure of the hand, the tone of cheer,
That hush that means: I cannot speak but I have heard
The note that bears only a verse from God's own Word.
Such tiny things we hardly count as ministry,
The givers deeming they have shown scant sympathy,
But when the heart is overwrought, oh, who can tell
The power of such tiny things to make it well!

—Scranton Truth

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the truth. Young folks have to learn how, so do we older folks. We have to find out the technique by which the Spirit whispers in our hearts. We have to learn to hear it and to understand it and to know when we have it, and that sometimes takes a long time.

But no matter what your age, you do not need to wait until you are old to know. Any child, age eight, having been baptized and having received the gift of the Holy Ghost, is a fit candidate to have the Holy Ghost bear its imprint upon him as to the truth of the teachings of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As he grows and has that imprint upon him, he will have joy and satisfaction and peace and happiness beyond anything that can be described with words

The whispering

So I would say to the young folks of the Church, if you will ask, not doubting that you can have an answer, the answer will come in the whispering. Then you must learn to interpret the whispering. At first it likely will come as something akin to a feeling, although not a feeling. There will finally come into your minds the words expressive of the feeling, and those words properly interpreted will be the whispering of the Spirit. You may know as I know that Jesus is the Christ, that he was born of a virgin, that his Father was the Eternal God, and that he was chosen in this last day to re-establish his work, after having his prophets prophesy of it, through the Prophet Joseph Smith. The account of its beginnings I have quoted to you, and that testimony is true, and this Church now, with its

more than two million people, stands as a witness. Each one of us knows for himself, not because of what somebody says, but in his own way and for himself, by the whispering of the Spirit, that indeed it is true.

I bear you that testimony and add to it that I know that President McKay is a prophet of the Living God, a seer, and a revelator, as are his counselors, and the twelve, and the patriarch, and I uphold them as such. I commend them to you as being what I have witnessed.

Star Items

★ **BellaHouston** Branch MIA have now started to publish their own magazine called "The Liahona." It is being typed by a non-member, who is the niece of one of the brethren, and Brother Raeburn then helps with the printing. The contests include spiritual articles, fiction, an editorial and news of branch events. The cost is 1s. per copy, and although it is hoped that the sale of the magazine will help to swell the branch funds, its main object is to provide an organ for the branch members to express themselves on thoughts of the Gospel and try out their literary talents, and keep up to date with events taking place in the branch.

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★ Apart from the regular Relief Society meetings, the **Woodsetton** sisters have begun to meet for full-day work meetings where they can share their talents, get some dress-making completed and enjoy each other's company. Each sister takes her turn to prepare the meal, and they mildly compete for the most economical and easy-to-prepare lunch. These meetings have become an important part of the life of the ward.



GOING TO THE TEMPLE

by

Pres LeRoy J. Buckmiller

★ Within the hallowed walls of our London Temple some of the most choice experiences of life are to be had. Within these portals come some of the finest people of the earth. The experiences they have had and the comments they make by word of mouth and by letter could fill a book. It is a great satisfaction to our workers to hear and to read these words of gratitude for the temple experience.

The function of the temple is to serve the living and the dead. It is the living, however, who must do the work. The dead are grateful, no doubt, but it is the living who seem to have the greatest experience. Their mortal lives are affected, eternal consequences are inherent in it, and happiness and joy may be the result.

Some people think that the work in the temple is for the dead only. The work for the living is equally important. In fact, the work of the living

makes work for the dead possible. When we work for the dead it is the living who gain the experience.

The members who come for the first time, for their own endowments, have an overwhelming experience. One man said, "This is overpowering; how can I ever learn all these things I have been taught today?" This is why we encourage them to come often so that they might better understand and apply the principles enunciated. Before the day is over, however, the workers help them each to understand as much as possible. They explain, encourage and love them into the satisfying experience of preparation for exaltation. Then follows the glow of satisfaction and the testimony of the spirit knowing that all is right as it should be.

It would be helpful if a measure of instruction were to be given these members coming for the first time before arrival at the temple. Some preparation should always precede a great experience.

Speaking of members who come to the temple for the first time for their own endowments, here is part of a letter from Brother and Sister Fourie from South Africa. These people saved and prepared for a long time to come to the temple. They live thousands of miles from the temple and many hardships were encountered before they arrived.

They write: "Our thoughts will always be at the temple and Edenbrook. We loved your beautiful green grass and flowers and all the people were ever so kind and helpful. We shall always picture all your lovely people all dressed in white in the temple. This is something that we shall always cherish in our hearts and we just long for the time when we shall be able to return.

Choice experience

Many times people put off returning to the temple for year after year until they forget the choice experience it really is. When they come again the experience floods their souls with joy. Here is what a sister from Cleethorpes in Lincolnshire writes: "I am so grateful to you for our happy weekend, that I just had to write and tell you so. First for allowing us to go through the temple for the first time since we went through for our own endowments. This meant so much to us as it was just 11 years ago since we were baptised. Then the officiator really crowned our day when he asked us to be witnesses for him. I just can't express how we felt to see the temple so full of members, and for us to be chosen, it's all bubbling inside me. This has always been a secret ambition. Thank you for this privilege and the knowledge we received. It is an experience we will always cherish."

The following excerpts are taken

from a letter from a family who sold their home so that they could have the necessary means to come to the London Temple to receive their endowments and then, with their children, be sealed for time and eternity. Sacrifice brings forth the blessings of heaven can truly be said of this family. Brother and Sister Long of South Africa write: "We already feel blessed as the Lord is looking after us. You will never know how much we miss you—how much we love you all. We feel very blessed that we were able to go through the temple. We must honestly say that we feel very much different since going to the temple. We don't know what has come over us but we feel like new people. We will never forget what we were told in the sealing room that when one gives love one receives love."

Deep feelings

Perhaps these extracts from three letters will suffice to convey to the reader the deep feelings of gratitude the members usually express when they come to the temple to receive their own blessings and endowments. These feelings are shared by those who come to the temple to work for their kindred dead. There are those, of course, who do not receive such an abiding testimony of temple work. Then the experience is perhaps something less than that expressed in these letters. We can only hope and pray that by coming often they will receive a deeper understanding and be led to the same choice experience.

Our hope is that your own thoughts and hearts may be turned to the temple so that you will have a great desire to come and enjoy with us similar experiences. The promise of the temple is 'peace in this life and eternal life in the life to come.' (Doctrine and Covenants)



GENEALOGY

Hearts Turned to Their Fathers

by David Ensign Gardner, F.S.G.

★ Ancestral research in Scottish records for the period 1800 to the present is probably the easiest in the British Isles. Perhaps the most difficult part of Scottish pedigree research is the lack of good burial registers in the pre-1855 parochial (parish registers) records. Many parish registers omit altogether or rarely record the deaths of the ancestors and their families, and it is difficult to find information on the deaths of unmarried children and of adults whose burial records might well have made their identity sure.

Tombstone copying

Everyone who is engaged in Scottish research must be interested in the copying of all the tombstones in the kirkyards, burgh and city cemeteries and other burial grounds throughout Scotland. If you are unable to locate in a library a copy of all the tombstone inscriptions from your ancestral town or parish, visits must be made to the ancient kirkyards. This could be done as part of an annual vacation. Members of the Church are urged to make sure that the inscriptions in all the kirkyards and cemeteries of the town where they reside are copied and placed in libraries for the use of others.

Inscriptions in more than 116 burial grounds have been copied and these are listed in *The Scottish Genealogist*, the Quarterly Journal of The Scottish Genealogy Society. Mr. J. F. Mitchell, 7 Randolph Cliff, Edinburgh, 3, Scotland,

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maintains a listing of all known copies of Scottish burial ground inscriptions. The Scottish Genealogy Society would be pleased to receive for their Library in Edinburgh a copy of all listings of Scottish monumental inscriptions. As a service to the membership of the Church, a copy should be sent to The Genealogical Society of the Church, Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A.

The copying of tombstone inscriptions might be divided into two important periods of time. The first aim should be to locate and copy in full the inscriptions from all tombstones upon which there is a pre-1855 death date. If time permits, or at a later visit, all the modern inscriptions should be copied.

Name and location

The first page and each succeeding page should be headed with the name and location of the burial ground. The whole inscription on one stone should be kept intact, copying in full all names, dates, places, relationships and occupations. Sometimes genealogical information is inferred, such as "a loving wife and mother," without stating any information on the names of other

members of the family. When a tombstone on an adjacent grave appears to belong to the same family, this fact should be mentioned in an added note contained within parentheses. If the physical conditions in the kirkyard are such that it is impossible to copy all the details from a stone, state the reason: for example (inscription partly covered by heavy debris). Be sure to record on the title page the correct name and location of the burial ground, the date the copy was made, the name of the compiler, and whether or not all tombstones were copied.

TABLE A, which follows, shows at a glance the Scottish record sources available for a research problem in a particular century.

TABLE B, which will appear in next month's Star, provides more detailed information about these sources. For example, if a pedigree problem is in the 17th century, a quick indication can be obtained from Table A of the sources available for that period.

Table A

MAJOR SOURCE AVAILABILITY BY CENTURY

Type of Record 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th

1. Civil Registration						15. Tax Rolls
2. Census Records						16. Jews
3. Merchant Seamen						17. Roman Catholics
4. Naval Records						18. Sasines Registers
5. Excise Officers						19. Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticanæ
6. Monumental Inscriptions						20. Parish Registers (Presbyterian)
7. Commercial Directories						21. Service of Heirs (Retours)
8. Poll Books						22. Testaments (Wills)
9. Nonconformist Registers						23. Apprenticeship Records
10. Lyon Court Records						24. School and Univ. Registers
11. Military Records						25. Burgess Records
12. Quakers						26. Sheriffs' Courts
13. Hornings (Land Records)						27. Landowners' Estates
14. Newspapers						

APOSTLES ARE ALWAYS HIGH PRIESTS. All of the apostles are high priests and are so ordained. They belong to a quorum of high priests separate and distinct from the high priests' quorum in a stake. The First Presidency is a **presidency of high priests**, as stated in the revelation (D. & C. 107:8, 22, 64-66) and since every apostle has the priesthood and keys to enable him to serve as President of the Church, he necessarily must be a high priest.

—Joseph Fielding Smith



Profile

Iris Hogg (wirral branch, Liverpool district)

★ Iris Hogg first attended a Mormon service over fifty years ago. Baptized in Durham House at Liverpool in 1935 along with her two sisters her early memories of the Church include severe persecution of the missionaries when

they attempted to preach the Gospel on the streets of Liverpool. Sometimes the men were tarred for their conviction and their efforts to share it with the tough 'Scouse' community.

Sister Hogg treasures the opportunities she has had over the years of meeting three great church leaders—Joseph Fielding Smith, Heber J. Grant and David O'McKay. Her family has given hospitality in the past to those who are now 'giants' in the church. She remembers Brother Alvin Greene as a missionary and was delighted when he returned to England with his wife and family. He came this time to preside over the North British Mission. The Greenes were present at Brother and Sister Hogg's Ruby Wedding celebration. The Hoggs requested on this occasion that family and friends donate to the branch building fund rather than present them with gifts.



Lifelong dream

Sister Hogg has sold chocolates at every church function to add to the building fund and now that the Wirral Branch has acquired a small and comfortable church her lifelong dream is fulfilled. She has seen 'her' church develop to the point where they have their own building and are truly established in Wirral—the effort has indeed proved itself.

“MY STORY”

By Brenda Perks, Hyde Park ward, London Stake

★ Fifteen years ago in May 1952, the front door bell rang at my home which was in Tripoli, Lebanon. With a bath prepared for my two-year-old son my first impulse was to ignore the ringing but as always I had to answer. Two young men stood at the door, staring now at the naked, wriggling baby in my arms. They apologised for the interruption.

My husband was the manager of an oil company in the Middle-East and as he often saw his employees at home I assumed that these two were connected with the company. I offered them cigarettes and a drink but declining both, they merely asked for water. They then said they had not come to see my husband but were missionaries for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and offered a “Book of Mormon.” I accepted and promised to read it when I had the time and they left.

A few days later they returned and I had to admit that I hadn't read any of the book. I suggested that they give it to someone else. I told them that I didn't need any further proof that Jesus was Christ! Looking back now I wonder how I dared to argue for in spite of their youth they had more knowledge about Jesus Christ, revelation, prophecy and the Gospel than the then Bishop of Jerusalem, with whom I had been on Christian name terms for years. However, they challenged me to read the Book of Mormon and then pray for its truth and validity to be revealed. If I could tell them it was all nonsense they would retire gracefully. That night to the amazement of my family, I read the Book of Mormon. The next day I was short-tempered and refused a dinner party and went to my room and finished reading the book and prepared for the next step—prayer!

I prayed that the truth of this book would be revealed to me. After half-an-hour—nothing! I prayed again, sincerely, humbly, in the name of Christ and waited. Nothing! No revelation, just weariness.

The missionaries came in the cool evening time. My carefully worded speech of denial was forgotten. They looked at me and I looked at them for what seemed a long, long time, tears in all our eyes. One of them said “God bless you, Mrs. Perks”. and my first words were “When can I be baptised?”

We discussed whether or not to go down to the sea within the next few days or to wait until I returned to England. I felt that I should not wait but nonetheless with so important a step I agreed to think it over.

When the Elders came the next day it was to say “Goodbye”. They had both been transferred. They really should have left some days before but waited until I had accepted the Gospel. Now I had done so and planned to be baptised when I returned to England. This I did for I was baptised in Cheltenham on 20th June 1952.

Six years ago my sister was baptised into the Church. Six months ago my sister's husband was baptised and six days ago, as a result of love, understanding

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"MY STORY"

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and companionship of two more young Elders in Hyde Park Ward, my son Philip was baptised into the church I accepted in 1952.

What great happiness! Now I can look to the future when I hope to see Philip become a missionary and show this same love and sincerity to someone else. I attend my meetings regularly. I joy in them all. I love mingling with the lovely sisters of Relief Society. The excellent lessons stimulate me in a religious way and intellectually as well. At Relief Society we find a variety of interests and I am determined to give myself to this wonderful organisation and use the gifts the Lord has blessed me with.

HOUSEHOLD HINT WINDOWS THAT SHINE!

F. M. Patridge, Walsall Branch, Leicester Stake

Scrim and methyalted spirits are a winning combination for clean, shiny windows. Scrim is a loosely woven cotton, available at Woolworths or at a drapery store and is used by professional window cleaners.

Soak the scrim in clear water for three days before using it. Put a little methyalted spirits on another duster and wipe the window. Rub with damp scrim to get a good polish. Stand back and admire your handiwork.

GARDEN GUIDE

HINTS FOR AUGUST

★ Latter-day Saints are not usually noted for their gardens, however, here is a reminder of things that should be done in August.

SEEDS. Spring cabbage, pickling cabbage, cress, endive, onions, radishes, winter spinach.

PLANTING. Late broccoli, winter cabbage, coleworts, kale, savoys.

REMEMBER ... in the season thereof ...

THE HOLY GHOST GIVES TESTIMONY.

A testimony never comes to a person through the learning of the world; man's learning doesn't get it. You cannot get it through philosophising or through the study of what men have said who did not have a testimony. ... A testimony has to come through the Holy Ghost. Any person who ever had a testimony had it because it had been given to him by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost.

—Marion G. Romney

RECIPES FOR YOU



★ Janet Eyring, an active member of Relief Society from Seattle, Washington, recently visited relatives and friends in England. She has been a member of the Relief Society Stake presidency in Seattle with particular responsibility for the work meetings. Her son, Gary, was a missionary under President Marion D. Hanks of the British Mission. She is an avid antique collector, sews beautifully, cooks to perfection and is a gifted homemaker. These recipes are some of her favourites—delicious, economical and easy to make.

Apple Muffins

Cream: 4 oz. sugar
2 oz. cooking fat (Spry etc.)
Add: 1 beaten egg
Sift: $7\frac{1}{2}$ oz. flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
3 teaspoons baking powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cinnamon

Alternate Mixture: 4 oz. milk with sifted dry ingredients

Fold in 1 cup grated raw apple. Put in small flat baking tins and top with the following mixture:

3 oz. brown sugar
3 oz. chopped nuts
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cinnamon

Bake in hot oven for 15 minutes until crisped. Makes about 16 muffins.

Spinach and Tuna Divan (Casserole)

Cook: 2 pkts. chopped, frozen spinach; drain

Make cream sauce using:

2 oz. butter or margarine
1 oz. flour
2 cups milk
 $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon onion salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon pepper

Blend in 4 oz. mayonnaise, 1 tablespoon lemon juice.

Drain and flake 1 large tin tuna fish.

Put in the bottom of a 2-quart casserole; add half the white sauce; mix the other half with the cooked spinach; pour over the tuna fish; top with buttered bread crumbs; bake in moderate oven for 25 minutes until bubbly and brown; garnish with sliced tomatoes.

THE FAMILY



"Put the Lord First"—A Portrait of a Family

"Put the Lord First", has always been a guide-line for the Johnson family of Derby Ward, Leicester Stake. It was true when Brother Owen Johnson was called to be a bishop three years ago and the family invested their savings in both a car and a telephone for the first time to assist in his work. It was true when their son, Owen, completed building missions in Ireland and Staffordshire, and their daughter, Jane, became secretary in the M.I.A. If there was a choice to be made of activities or resources the church interests always came first.

Brother Johnson is now a member of the Leicester Stake High Council. He works at the main area electricity power station and is active in trade union affairs. He has been the Branch Secretary of his union and on the National Advisory Council to the Electrical Industry. This has involved much negotiation with management on labour conditions and his union responsibilities have helped him to understand people.

His church work has helped in his job as well and he has grown and developed with the varied tasks required of a bishop. "I have never found any difficulty in saying I was a Mormon", he has said. People certainly remember him, for at



The happy Johnson family gather for a quick photograph in their home.

District Committee meetings of the union Owen Johnson inevitably finds a glass of milk at his place rather than the tea, coffee or beer served to other committee members.

In the eight years since his wife Sister Johnson has been a member of the Church she has worked in the Sunday School, the Relief Society and has been First Councillor in the Stake Y.W.M.I.A. presidency. At the present time she is Stake M.I.A. Laurel Leader, a Ward Relief Society teacher of theology and a visiting teacher. This, along with her grown-up family, keeps her life full and busy.

Owen is now nineteen and earns his living as an Insurance Agent. Jane is sixteen and while in her last year at school is taking a commercial course. She hopes to go onto a commercial college and then become a receptionist.

The Gospel has been first in the lives of this united family and its spirit is felt by all who know and benefit by contact with them all.

A Tribute by Dorothy M. Bunn, President of Kings Lynn Relief Society

★ **Kings Lynn Relief Society** was organized on the 3rd July 1962. Just three weeks later **Dorothy Eleanor Bent**, joined. Amazingly within two short weeks she was presenting literature lessons and later gave theology lessons as well. Since that time she has travelled to meetings held in member's homes as we have no chapel of our own. Through the winters she has walked at least three miles each week

to attend Relief Society. If it had not been for her faith, it would have been impossible for us to continue the Society as many times only two were present at the meetings. Dorothy Bent and myself!

Two years ago Sister Bent moved her home eleven miles away from Kings Lynn. However, this did not stop her from attending meetings for she came to Primary, Sunday School and Sacrament Service as well as Relief Society events.

The love of this sister is felt by all who come in contact with her and these lines are penned in thankful tribute to her.

THOUGHTS FOR THE FAMILY

BAPTISM

"Being baptised into the Church is like learning the alphabet in our mother tongue—it is the very first step. But having received the first principles of the gospel of Christ, let us go on to perfection."

—President Wilford Woodruff

BLESSINGS

"There is something very remarkable about what we have to give under the gospel plan. No matter how much we give of truth, of good example, of righteous living, our stories, our blessings increase, not decrease, by that which we give away."

—President J. Reuben Clark, Jr.

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"The Lord proposes to confer the highest blessings upon the Latter-day Saints, but, like Abraham, we must prepare ourselves for them."

—President Lorenzo Snow

CHARACTER

"Without honesty there is no integrity. Without integrity there is no character. Without character there is no godliness. Without godliness there is no salvation in the kingdom of God."

—Mark E. Petersen

DEATH

"No man who is fit to live need fear to die." —President David O. McKay

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"The Lord takes many away, even in infancy, that they may escape the envy of man, and the sorrows and evil of this present world; they were too pure, too lovely, to live on earth; therefore, if rightly considered, instead of mourning we have reason to rejoice as they are delivered from evil, and we shall soon have them again."

—The Prophet Joseph Smith

DESTINED FOR GREATNESS

It all began in the grove that day,
When Joseph the farm boy knelt to pray
And asked the Lord with all his might
Which of the Churches on earth was
right,

And God the Father and God the Son
Came down to visit the boy so young,
Stood in person before his sight—
Filled the woodland with Heavenly light.
They told him that none of the Churches
were true,

"Their teachings are false,
Their professors corrupt,
they teach for doctrines —
commandments of men,

JOSEPH! He said JOIN NONE OF
THEM".

So Joseph went out of the wood that
day,
Determined to do what he heard Jesus
say,

He told his friends and the Preachers too
What God and Jesus had told him to do.
"VISIONS? REVELATION? YOU MUST
BE MAD!

Watch what you're saying now then my
lad.

And it all began in the grove that day,
When Joseph the farm boy knelt to pray.

On the night of a later date
Joseph was praying to learn of his state
When the Angel Moroni came in His
glory

To tell the boy the wonderful story,
That he was the one whom the Prophet
did say,

Would establish the Church in this
Latter day,

He revealed the place in an ancient hill
wherein a record lay,

That told of a people to whom God
spoke

A people of bygone day,
Joseph took the record and with God's
aid translated the writings of old,
These scriptures tell of the Saviour's
word to His sheep of the other fold,
Revealed, translated, sent forth to the
world
Putting the wisdom of wise men to
shame

PROVING that Jesus did live again.
And it all began in the grove that day,
That Joseph the farm boy knelt to pray.

BLASPHEMY, LIES, FRAUD, the cry
went out through the land,
GOLD DIGGER, PHONEY, PROPHET OF
NAUGHT,
KILL HIM, GRIND HIM TO SAND!

Yes, the proud and the stubborn, the
set in their ways,
Swore death to the Prophet in those
early days

OHIO, MISSOURI, NAUVOO, ILLINOIS,
trailing, killing, opposing his good,
Planning, prowling, seeking his blood.
Joseph the faithful, the humble, true,
son of God,

Joseph the Prophet, shot by a mob.
Dead in the dust of the afternoon sun,
He died as a martyr when his life'd
just begun

And it all came true to the humble
youth

Because of his faith, and his search for
truth

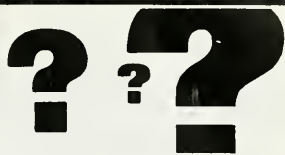
And it all began in the grove that day,
When Joseph the farm boy knelt to pray.

But like the Saviour on Calvary's hill,
The gospel he published no 'mobber'
can kill.

by Geoffrey Dunning
Beverley Branch
North British Mission.

**This poem won the Beverley poem
section in the branch speech festival.**

HAVE YOU...



understood

asks Frank Paterson, Bishop, Hyde Park Ward, London Stake

★ When you walk in the town, do you open your eyes to see that which is about you? Do you open your eyes not just to avoid a collision with other pedestrians or being overwhelmed by the traffic; not just to be sure of not missing your destination or passing acquaintances without recognition, but to see that which is there as our Father in Heaven by His natural laws has made? We so often fail to see that which is really there and see only what we want to see. Very often that which we choose to see is drab, colourless and without texture. The reality, however, is exciting and complex. Who can look at the trunk of a plain tree and say that it is brown? Perhaps brown is the most difficult colour to find in the bark.

Artists duty

The duty of an artist (if it can be said that he has a duty to society) is to see for us less observant creatures and to portray that which he sees in such a way that we can understand. Many times we cannot fully do this

because we fail in our relationship with the artist.

Maurice Utrillo had this ability in his portrayals of the buildings and streets of the suburbs of Paris. He loved the texture of old plaster and made the white walls team with colour. He produced a calm and restfulness that was foreign to his tortured mind. He saw for us the streets as they were even though long since demolished.

Utrillo was a drunkard born of a drunkard father. His unfortunate life was a rhythm of drunkenness and the painting of a daily masterpiece. Can we reject an "unfortunate" who differs from us but who has given us lasting beauty and shown us how to see and understand beauty for ourselves?

PRIESTHOOD EVERLASTING

The Priesthood is an everlasting principle, and existed with God from eternity, and will to eternity, without beginning of days or end of years. The keys have to be brought from heaven whenever the Gospel is sent. When they are revealed from heaven, it is by Adam's authority.

GLIMPSES OF YOUTH



Awards to youth for personal achievement

BARBARA GOODENOUGH

**Newton Aycliffe Ward
Sunderland Stake**

★ Barbara Goodenough of the **Newton Aycliffe** Ward of the Sunderland Stake won second place in the RAC's 1967 "L" Driver of the Year contest at Newcastle in May. Barbara's prize was £5 and 25 gallons of petrol. She was one of the North East area representatives in the Crystal Palace finals on June 2.

Barbara serves as Ward Librarian and is a counsellor in Primary. She attends Spennymoor Grammar-Technical School and is studying for "A" levels. She is a fine athlete and was school Junior Sports Champion in 1962. She plans to develop her career in sport by attend-

BARBARA GOODENOUGH



ing the I.M. Marsh College of Physical Education in Liverpool to train as a physical education teacher. Meanwhile to prove that cultural as well as sporting activities are followed she has penned the following poem.

"BLESSINGS"

How lucky am I to have so many blessings,
To be able to speak, and to see, and to hear,
How lucky am I that my Father in Heaven
Is near and protects me from danger and fear.
How lucky am I in this world full of suffering
To have clothing and shelter and nourishing food.
How lucky am I that my Father in Heaven
Watches o'er and supplies me with blessings so good.
How lucky am I for a life full of gladness,
A life that knows sorrow, a life that knows love,
How lucky am I that my Father in Heaven
Sees me, His poor child, and protects from above.
How lucky am I for the Lord's own true Gospel,
A Gospel of life, and of love, and of truth.

How lucky am I that my Father in
Heaven
Sees me trying to please him and pities
my youth.
Though my life may have hardships,
and failings and sorrows
With the words in my heart I'll go on
'til I die.
"For my Father in Heaven and the
blessings He gives me,
How lucky, how lucky, how lucky am
I."

Barbara Goodenough



Trudy Richardson

★ Students who intend to enroll at Manchester University and who would like to stay in an LDS home may contact Alice Abrams, 1 Hadley Avenue, Manchester 14. Sister Abrams can accommodate one young man only, beginning in September 1967.

church for two years. She has collected awards which includes first prize in the under-19 age group of the British Mission Speech Contest last year.

Trudy Richardson Ipswich Branch

★ Trudy Richardson of the **Ipswich Branch** was recently notified that her entry in the Improvement Era Youth Writing Contest "Another Day" had been selected for one of the major prizes. A scholarship to the Brigham Young University in Salt Lake City was her award.

Trudy was invited to attend the June Conference for her presentation but was unable to go as she leaves for the States in September. Elder Marion Hanks said that an announcement of her success would appear in the July issue of the **Improvement Era** and her entry would also be printed.

"The purpose of the contest," said Elder Hanks, "was to encourage young people to write, and to continue to write."

Trudy has been a member of the

Stuart John Hughes

★ Stuart John Hughes started sea-faring at 14 years of age when he received a £70 loan from Burnley Education Committee to go to the training ship "Indefatigable" on Anglesey Island for a pre-sea training course. He has done so well that the committee have now made the loan a full grant. Stuart led his class at the end of each term and in May he completed a sea voyage on the merchant liner "Clan Menzies" as a cadet officer. Sailing around the Cape Coast of Africa into the Mediterranean, calling at all ports was a great adventure especially for 16-year-old Stuart.

Now attending naval college to complete his training Stuart will soon be back at sea. Meanwhile his mother reports that on visits to branches of the church in **East London, Port Elizabeth, Capetown** and **Durban** her son has received considerable hospitality.

PHOTOGRAPHIC ADVICE

by Dave Sullivan

The following advice is intended for those wishing to send us photographs for reproduction in this magazine.

Since many readers are obviously already competent photographers let us first deal with the actual prints to be sent. There are three rules which if followed will ensure that your photographs are reproduced as well as possible.

1. The size of the print should never be smaller than 6" x 4". This is not always critical but either very tiny (35mm) or very large prints (10" x 8") will cause our printers a great deal of extra and quite unnecessary work. Negatives by themselves are always difficult to handle and to store for their return which is usually requested.
2. Prints should **always** be on glossy paper, preferably unglazed. The textured papers that are very popular nowadays look very nice but they just do not reproduce very well. (These textures are called "stipples" or dimpled paper).
3. The print should, if possible, contain in addition to the actual picture subject area required a little extra background all round. This allows the editorial team some licence when fitting your picture into the available space on the page. And do not forget to send the caption!

A good photograph showing a personality subject giving a film commentary. This shot was specially posed after the lecture was over for it is little use bothering the subject with requests to "hold it" while he is concentrating on his subject.



And now for the actual photography. For those who are baffled by all the knobs and dials, filters and film speeds available on modern cameras just remember to keep things simple.

Use a medium or fast black and white film (your photo dealer will advise you) but Ilford FP3 or Kodak Tri X are ideal. The slower films are strictly for more experienced photographers but the fast ones have what the professionals call "latitude". This simply means that they will produce a good result under greatly varying lighting conditions. whether intentional or not!

Obeys these simple rules and you will achieve a high proportion of successful pictures, but do not be afraid to break the rules some times. You may of course, get nothing but film is not too expensive. On the other hand you may be lucky and produce a masterpiece. So it is worth the risk sometimes and don't forget to send us the masterpieces!

Finally unless you particularly want to do your own developing and printing, etc., leave it to your local photo dealer not forgetting the earlier notes on prints, which you should insist he writes on the order "One 6 x 4 print unglazed on glossy paper" is the request.

We hope the above information will be of help to you and we look forward to receiving the results of your efforts. We want photos of your news events and Millenial Star will use them wherever possible.



A simple effective camera ideal for Millenial Star reporters is the Kodak Instamatic being used in this photograph.

Appointment of Four New British Mission Presidents

★ The First Presidency has just appointed two additional mission presidents. This brings to 12 the number of new mission presidents already announced in Salt Lake City this year.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

President Lenard D. Robison a member of the Priesthood Missionary Committee and former first counsellor in the **Reno (Nevada) Stake** presidency is one appointment to the North British Mission.

President Robison was born at Garrison, Utah, in 1917 and is now in an estate and insurance business in Reno following many years of ranching and livestock work in Nevada. He graduated from the LDS Business College in Salt Lake City back in 1936.

President Robison and his wife, LaVon Irene Wade, have two sons. Both sons have served missions and are now married.

While living in Garrison, President

Robison became a counsellor in the branch presidency. He was called to be the bishop of **Mt. Rose Ward** after moving to Reno and also served in executive positions in Sunday School, Elder's Quorum High Council and as a counsellor in the Reno Stake presidency. He also served on the Priesthood Missionary Committee for nearly three years.

Mrs. Robison also has a long record of Church activity including work in Primary, Sunday School and the Reno Stake Relief Society presidency. At present she is the In-Service Leader in the Ward Primary and takes part in both the ward and stake Singing Mothers Choruses.



President Lenard D. Robison and Mrs. LaVor Irene Robison.



President J. W. Child, Mrs. Joan Spratley Child and one of their two daughters

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

★ **President J. W. Child**—president of the Murray South Stake will now preside over the British South Mission, succeeding President Dan. K. Archer.

President Child has presided over the Murray South Stake since 1960. He was first counsellor in the parent Murray Stake prior to that time. He has also served as stake and ward clerk, high counsellor, elders quorum president and YMMIA superintendent.

A graduate of the BYU, he then completed his additional graduate studies there and at Claremont Graduate School. He also graduated from the U.S. Marine Corps., Officers School. He has played both semi-professional basket ball and softball.

With considerable experience in management including holding a presidency of two corporations and secretary and secretary-treasurer of two others he also owns his own C.P.A. firm.

President Child has served as Justice of the Peace, a Trustee of the LDS Cottonwood General Hospital, and Chairman of the building committee that constructed a new 134-bed hospital.

Mrs. Joan Spratley Child was born at Lehi and attended BYU. She is a Primary chorister in the Murray Tenth Ward and was formerly Sunday School chorister, ward music director, stake drama director and Primary stake board member and teacher.

The President has two daughters.



IRISH MISSION

★ **President Theron M. Ashcroft** president of the Cedar West Stake, Cedar City, Utah, is a native of Hyde Park, Utah. He graduated from the Utah State University in engineering and has since been teaching at the College of Southern Utah in Cedar City since 1939. He has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board, Cedar City Planning Commission and Boy Scout district.

Prior to his appointment as president of Cedar West Stake he served as

bishop of the Cedar Second Ward, high counsellor and counsellor in the bishopric.

Mrs. Ashcroft, born in Newton, Utah, was top of her class at the Brigham Young College at Logan and then she taught school in Cache County prior to her marriage. Presently, a counsellor in the stake Relief Society presidency, she has also served as president of the Cedar Stake Primary and Ward Relief Society president.



President Rulon Bradshaw and Mrs. Marie Bradshaw.

SOUTH WEST BRITISH MISSION

★ **President Rulon H. Bradshaw** of the YMMIA General Board, goes to the **South West British Mission**, succeeding President Ray H. Barton, Jr.

President Bradshaw is chairman of the Explorer Committee of the YMMIA. Formerly he twice served as a high councillor, a Bishop of Hillcrest Ward and counsellor in two bishoprics. He is owner-manager of the Akron Lumber Co.

In February he received the Silver Beaver Award in Scouting. He is also a Master M. Man.

Born at Lyman, Wyoming, President Bradshaw attended the University of

Wyoming. He married Marie Flashman of Salt Lake City and they have two sons, two daughters and 17 grandchildren.

Mrs. Bradshaw was born at Belefeld, Germany. She attended Henagers Business College and is a most efficient secretary to her husband.

She is also the social relations leader in the Union Fifth Ward, East Jordan Stake.

Earlier she served in the Grant Stake Relief Society and Primary presidencies. She was chairman of the former LDS Girls Committee of that stake.

THE WARNING VOICE

No Coincidence When The Lord Cares

★ Many members of the Church have experienced incidents in their lives which are indeed faith promoting. One cannot fail to be impressed that the Lord in his mercy watches over the faithful and protects them from harm.

In some instances the circumstance is such that the hand of the Lord is apparent. The recipient of the blessing is in dire circumstance either physically or mentally. An appeal is made to the Lord in faith, and the relief is immediate and apparent. There can be no doubt. The miracle is obvious.

But there are thousands of incidents in the lives of the saints which, because they are not mentioned or the reason for the inspiration is not apparent, are not noticed and therefore often not acknowledged. That the Lord, through his spirit, watches over his faithful children there can be no doubt. That all faithful saints are impressed to do certain things in given situations and are benefited if they follow the impression is as sure as faith itself. These occurrences also build our faith and assure us of the power of the Lord which leads us to salvation.

Let us tell of two warnings for which there was no apparent reason. The first

is an account by Lyman O. Littlefield who lived in the Nauvoo period (1844).

This is his account:

"While traveling down the Mississippi, a certain legal gentleman, whose name I here omit and who had been identified in some of the later lawsuits that had been vexatiously brought against the Prophet Joseph, obtruded his acquaintance upon me. He asked some inquisitive questions and I discovered he was not pleased with some of my answers. Finally, he sullenly withdrew from my company, after expressing some interestedness in my welfare. The last item that he took special pains to elicit from me was that I was to leave the steamer at St. Louis. I noticed in him a gratified expression upon gaining this intelligence.

Strange place

"The city of Alton, on the Illinois side of the river, is distant above St. Louis about thirty miles. In the latter part of the night I was awoke in the midst of a frightful dream, and, springing from my berth, put on my clothing as quickly as possible. Then taking my carpet sack, I hastened from my state room and down the flight of stairs; when, stepping quickly along the plank that ran out upon the shore, found myself in a place strange to me. One of the men standing there informed me we were in Alton. My reasoning faculties came quickly to my aid and a feeling was inspired within me, as quick as thought, not to be uneasy for all was right and intended for my preservation. I acknowledged the hand of the Lord in the circumstance. The steamer immediately withdrew and soon the heavy and lonesome sound of the escaping steam was heard far downstream to echo along the sable shores.

"I could not account fully for the

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strange incident that had just occurred. I had escaped no visible danger, and had I reasoned entirely as an uninspired and doubting naturalist often does, I might have felt like finding fault with the Providence that had disturbed my sleep with unpleasant dreams and propelled my powers of locomotion to that then lonely shore." (Lyman Omer Littlefield, "Reminiscences of Latter-day Saints", The Utah Journal Co., Printers, Logan, Utah, Oct. 1888, pp. 146-147.)

Later on in his account Brother Littlefield told of meeting the man on his

return journey who with some accomplices did their best to murder him. There is not space here to describe how by inspiration he circumvented them.

And now, here is a modern example:

When a boy, Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve was walking toward a barn. He heard a voice say, "Don't go in that barn." Later in his life he was telling about this unusual experience when one man interrupted.

"What was in the barn?"

"I don't know; I didn't go in," was the rejoinder.

Often we won't know; but the whispering is sure, and the faithful Latter-day Saint listens to the whispering.

God speaks . . .

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are often occurrences which are apt to harass the temper, but in his sweet, kindly way, he regards them with calm endurance.

And to patience he added godliness. One who works closely with him has said, "There is a spirituality radiating from him that is oftentimes felt by even the stranger who visits him. He keeps himself spiritually tuned to heavenly things." His thoughts, his writings, his teachings, his very appearance indicate the presence of God in his life.

And to godliness he added brotherly kindness. The story is told of a conference concerning a difficult problem when he said, "Human hearts are very tender, and human lives are very precious. Let's solve this problem without hurting a very tender heart."

And to brotherly kindness he added charity. He has a Christian love for all men because they are the sons of God. He is kind, forgiving, and compassionate.

All these things are in him and

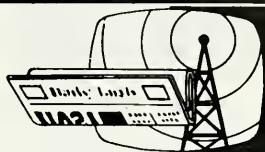
abound and make him neither barren nor unfruitful. They distinguish him as a prophet of the Lord—our President, David O. McKay.

As the prophets from the beginning to the present day pass in review before our memory, we become aware of the great blessing which comes to us from the influence of a living prophet. History should teach us that unless we are willing to heed the warnings and follow the teachings of a prophet of the Lord, we will be subject to the judgments of God.

ATONEMENT

"All men shall be redeemed from death, because men are not responsible for death, therefore Jesus Christ has redeemed them from death through the shedding of his blood. They shall rise in the resurrection, every man to receive his reward according to his works."

—President Joseph Fielding Smith



SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ The Youth Aaronic Activity Committee of **Gateshead** Branch are having great success with dances. To date they have organised two Fancy Dress Balls, which have both received good support. The two winners of the fancy dress parades that climaxed each evening were Sister Egdell as an Arabian slave, and Ian Warrilow as a clown. Brother Finnigan was the M.C. for both dances.

★ Two years ago Albert Smith of the **Middlesborough** Ward painted a six by four feet canvas of "The Last Supper." His mother then worked the canvas in

silks and exhibited it for charity activities. Recently she came along with the tapestry and also gave a demonstration of tapestry work at a Relief Society meeting.

Brother Smith is modest about his artistic talent but Millennial Star discovered that he is an Elder, aged 25 years and serves as the YMMIA superintendent at the present time.

★ **Billingham** Ward organised a dinner on Saturday, May 27. A three-course meal comprising vegetable soup, chicken with all the trimmings and (continued on page 46)



Mrs K. Donaldson exhibiting the tapestry which was painted by her son, and which she then worked in silks.

NEWS

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Lemon Duchesse for dessert was prepared by the hardworking sisters. Afterwards some of the young ladies paraded in dresses that they had either made themselves or, if too young, with the assistance of their mothers.

Albert Smith (again!) borrowed for the evening from the Middlesborough Ward, entertained the company with his rendering of Stanley Holloway's famous monologues, "Albert and the Lion" and "The Battle of Hastings."

Jeff Mawlam, in the guise of a Cornish fisherman, yarned a few fantastic tales and a sketch acted by Albert Smith, Margaret Moore and Jeff Mawlam was enjoyed by all.

The evening finished with a slide show. With so varied and exciting a programme the members are all looking forward to the next Ward dinner.

★ On May 29 West Hartlepool Ward held an outing to Bamburgh Castle. It was a lovely English spring day and everyone had a wonderful time on the sands sunbathing between beach games.

During the period under review May Gardner, the Ward Relief Society President, organised a Tuesday Social Night for the sisters and their husbands to see the musical "Showboat." This was presented in the Hartlepool Borough Hall and another happy outing was entered in the records book.

★ President and Sister Oates entertained the Stake Presidency, Clerks, High Councilmen and their wives on Saturday, May 20, in the Stake House.

The brethren held a high Council Meeting while the Sisters heard Stake Relief Society President, Afton Hardy, draw comparisons with the American way of life.

At the conclusion of both meetings



A group of West Hartlepool saints enjoying their outing to Bamburgh Castle.

dinner was served. The evening terminated with the showing of "The Quest."

Earlier the same day Sunderland Stake met the Leeds Stake for a game of soccer. Leeds travelled with a coach-load of supporters with them who certainly made their presence felt! But in spite of the support it was all in vain for Leeds were defeated 2-1! Roy Whan scored both goals for Sunderland.

Both teams enjoyed a keen hard-fought match, full of good sportsmanship and the victory was a fitting gift for Sunderland centre forward Stan Little whose fortieth birthday it was that day.

On June 17 Sunderland team travelled to Glasgow. This time, however, the story was different for they were beaten three goals to two.

★ **Newton Aycliffe** sisters tried their hand at ten-pin bowling at the Darlington bowling alley on Friday, June 9. After bowling they went to a nearby restaurant for a meal which rounded off yet another pleasant evening.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ In May twenty members of the MIA went for a day's hike into the Corwen area of Wales. The weather was perfect for walking and everyone did their best to clear the table of the meal which was provided when they returned home. Michael Nugent led the party on this occasion.

On the Spring Holiday Monday in May the members of the **Liverpool District** gathered at Southport for a Family Day. Again the weather was good. This and the children's enjoyment of the Peter Pan Playground made the day a happy one. An Al Fresco meal was provided by the Relief Society sisters of the **Southport Branch**

under the direction of Audrey Gerrard and a tired but happy bus load of singing saints arrived home at nine o'clock.

★ **Nelson Branch MIA** put on a terrific comedy show recently. The programme included a Criss-Cross Quiz and was held to aid the Branch's building fund.

Over at Rawtenstall a Fair and Fashion Show was organised by **Preston** district. **Blackpool** won the prize for the "Quality of Produce" and **Eccles Branch** won a prize for their "Do-it-Yourself" stall, but star of the show was very professional "Dolls" shop.

Young Janet Nolan of Eccles Branch won first prize in the Fashion Parade wearing an attractive white party dress. Susan Shaw of Rawtenstall won the prize for the most "with-it" outfit. One hundred and fifty visitors enjoyed the day. Refreshments were provided by the **Blackburn Branch** and the evening concluded with a film.

★ **York Primary Family Evening** was held recently. A ladder decorated in various themes on the hall stairway was featured. Each individual class spoke and acted on the theme they were representing. As they finished they switched on a light which lit up their theme on the ladder. With the stairway fully alight it represented Prayer, Faith, Reverence, Baptism, Love, Testimony, Joy and Service. Service awards were later presented to teachers and leaders.

★ Many of the saints from **Beverley** attended the meeting in **York Chapel** to hear Elder Mark E. Petersen and

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Sister Emma M. Petersen speak to the Hull and Grimsby saints on May 8.

After looking for new ideas the York Entertainments Committee organised an Austrian Dinner and Dance on May 27 which was attended by sixty saints.

The evening began with films on Austria, followed by a running buffet cold meal. "Cyril from the Tyrol" then appeared appropriately dressed and involved the audience in a skit. Everyone enjoyed the fun and laughter. John Fenwick was MC and Joan Thistleton supervised buffet preparation.

MANCHESTER STAKE

★ May 20/21 was a very busy weekend for the **Manchester Stake**. Besides the Regional Relief Society Conference for the ladies, there was an exciting event for the young people when the annual Stake Swimming Gala was held.

It was hard to know who was the more exhausted—the swimmers or the spectators! Many people lost their voices through shouting while others almost jumped into the water in their excitement—so close was the contest. Manchester Ward won so the excitement was not in vain.

During the past few weeks Manchester Mormon Choir has been gaining much fame. They have given "Goodwill Concerts" and civic dignitaries have been attended as well as the public. The choir have been highly complimented on its performance.

Sixty-one members of the **Ashton/Oldham** Ward spent an enjoyable day at Blackpool on June 3. A hectic game of rounders on the beach lasted for some

three hours in spite of the cloudy weather. The young people later visited the South Shore Fun-Fair and had a ride to the top of Blackpool Tower.

Arthur McNama, Bill Giles, Bill Standring and David Cook braved the elements and had a swim in the sea followed by a run along the beach. There were no unfortunate incidents or accidents to mar the journey home and the coach driver was pleased that there had been no "stops" for alcohol or cups of tea.

★ The Aaronic Priesthood Commemoration Outing was held at **Scarborough** on a District basis. Thirty-three Aaronic Priesthood boys attended.

★ Early in May the **Scarborough Relief Society** sisters held a dress optional Dinner and Dance. This gave some of the younger sisters a second chance to wear their beautiful full-length dresses purchased for the Gold and Green Ball earlier this year.

Marketing and cooking for the lavish meal was undertaken by Relief Society President, Eva Hedley, assisted by her husband who also roped in their next door neighbour! Peter Lesley, immaculate in white, waited on the sisters at dinner to add a luxury touch to the occasion.

MARRIAGE

"When the first marriage was performed in Eden, the pair was immortal. Death came by sin, but life was restored through the atonement. Adam and Eve are therefore man and wife for eternity."

—Franklin D. Richards

"Temple marriage is not just another form of Church wedding; it is a divine covenant with the Lord."

—Eldred G. Smith

GLASGOW STAKE

★ Sixty-five young men gathered together to commemorate the Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood with a sports day outing to Ayr. After the sports the Stake Presidency were kept busy serving the boys' dinner. A short spiritual meeting followed in the Ayr Building before the boys returned home.

INTER-STAKE SPORTS

★ Fifty-five young men and women from the Stake travelled down to compete in friendly games of netball, volleyball, table tennis and football with the Manchester Stake at the Ashton/Oldham Ward. After the strenuous activities of the afternoon a dance rounded off the day. Happy with their football victory and ready for the forthcoming game against Sunderland Stake for the Mark E. Petersen Cup the Glasgow party returned home. Organisation for the trip was in the hands of Brother Cameron and Sister Geddes.

★ Springburn Ward held their annual Sunday School Outing on June 3. In gay spirits the party set off for the seaside of Ayr. Sixty adults and children joined in the games held on the sands and a nearby fairground provided some additional thrills. Sunday School Superintendent A. Fulton organised the trip with assistance from Sister Chandler the Primary President.

CHAPEL DEDICATED

★ On May 23 Elder Mark E. Petersen, of the Council of the Twelve, dedicated the **Johnstone** Branch Chapel. President Andrew Laughlan conducted the programme and the Stake Singing Mothers formed the choir. Sister Forsyth of Drumchapel sang "If Christ Should Come Tomorrow."

Odell Smith, the Supervisor in charge at the completion of the chapel, was in attendance. Over 250 saints witnessed the dedication.

Forty saints travelled down to the Temple on the second Stake visit this year on 25th—27th May. Bishop Clark of the Pollok Ward organised the trip.

24 Mile Overnight Hike from Buxton

★ This type of hike is now an annual event in the **Ashton/Oldham** Ward (last year it was from Dewsbury) — Tom Leah was in charge. Twenty-four members took part and Bishop Ernest Presson and Robert Drysdale prepared soup for all on the hills halfway through the hike and then finished off walking the rest of the way home.

The walkers were aged from 11 to 69 years old. Bill Parmenter, 69, was the first man home with Craig McCormack, aged 12, from **Stockport** Ward, last but still very determined to finish. Sisters Peggy Laister, Molly Ticehurst, Joan Bardsley, Margaret

Mason, Emily Brooks, Jackie Garniss and Jacke Sayers then prepared a well-appreciated breakfast.

The Ward Sports Day followed on June 17 at Richmond Street Playing Fields, Ashton-under-Lyme. Some forty people attended.

★ On June 18 Brian Ashworth was released from his position as 1st Counsellor in the Ward Bishopric, having now been called to serve on the Stake High Council. William Standing

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was called as 2nd Counsellor with William Giles as 1st Counsellor to Ernest Preston the Bishop.

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

★ A motley collection of Tramps gathered together at the Brighton Chapel on June 16 for a "Tramps' Ball." Prizes for the best dressed "tramps" were won by Peter Strub and his mother, Janet Strub.

★ **Leigh Park** went to Southampton on June 19 for a very successful dance. Held in the cultural hall of the Southampton Chapel some twenty miles from Leigh Park the hall was set out by the members who took food and decorations over in their cars during the morning.

The youth of Portsmouth District went to Reading earlier in the day to

take part in the Mission Games programme.

In addition to Portsmouth District, members also came from Crawley, Kingston, Reading and Bournemouth to total an attendance figure of more than 100. Dancing to the Southampton Branch group "The Chetwynds" and a session of square dancing with caller Elder Burton guaranteed a lively evening. With a profit of £9 13s. 4½d. to add to the **Torquay** Branch Fund which will help members of the branch to attend the Mission Youth Convention in October, the day was indeed a success.

£114 RAISED AT SOCIAL

★ On Saturday, June 10, a "Final" Social was held at **Reading** Chapel in an effort to raise £114 needed to pay off the debt on the chapel to enable it to be dedicated.

Admission to the Social was free but trading at several market stalls was brisk. Goods were auctioned by a real Yankee in intervals between a variety of charades which proved the acting talents of the members. The debt wiped out by a most successful day gave much cause for congratulation.

IRISH MISSION

★ An Aaronic Priesthood Dinner was held on Friday, May 12th, at 7.30 p.m. in the Holywood Road Chapel. The dinner was prepared by Ian Frazer of the **Cavehill Branch**, with assistance from the Belfast District Relief Society President, Harriet Marrow, and four sisters.

After dinner a knock-out Basket ball competition involving all Aaronic Priesthood members was held, Book prizes were donated to winning teams by President Rollond L. Jaussi and presented to

the boys by District President, J. Owens.

The following day there was an outing to Tullymore Park Forest. All of the Priesthood holders of the Belfast District travelled by car to the forest situated at the foot of the Mountains of Mourne.

The Park is, perhaps, the most beautiful of all Irish nature spots and after a very happy day in the open the party left the park in time to arrive home by 9 p.m.



Aaronic priesthood youth after a dinner at the Hollywood Road Chapel, Belfast.



A group of boys and their leaders enjoying the beauties of Tullymore Park Forest.

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BRITISH MISSION

★ A May Ball was held at **Colchester** by the **Ipswich** District which followed the theme "Moonlight and Roses." This Ball was as gay as its theme title and the hall was decorated with hundreds of paper roses and a false paper ceiling of midnight blue. The entrance to the hall was covered by thin strips of blue paper and a huge silver moon hung over the door. Music was provided by the Mayfair Dance Band with Jeff Packe as MC. Certainly this was the outstanding social evening of 1967.

Ilford Branch recently said farewell and bon voyage to Sister Mears who has gone to New Zealand.

SCOTTISH MISSION

★ The **Scottish** Mission played the **Glasgow Stake** at netball and five-a-side football on Monday, April 10, at the new Edinburgh chapel.

Directed by Sister Kelly, mission YWMIA president, and Brother Giboin, YMMIA mission superintendent, the event was held to find a winner to represent Scotland at Manchester in September.

The event proved to be entertaining and exciting. Glasgow Stake won in netball, 17 to 5, and the mission won in football, 1-0.

LONDON STAKE

★ On May 20 the Stake held its Dance Festival at the Hyde Park Chapel. Six Wards presented floor shows which were all very good. Over two hundred people attended and a high standard of dancing noticed.

The Stake M-Men-Gleaner Council organised a volleyball tournament at the Hyde Park Chapel on June 3. **Romford** won and will now represent the Stake in the Zone finals.

meeting on the Friday night and an early morning nature walk with a devotional meeting held in a grove of trees. Instruction was given in all aspects of camp leadership and skills.

The workshop party was led by Anne Rudd, British South Mission YWMIA President, and Pauline Doggett, London Stake YWMIA President, assisted by Carole Corless and Patricia Chambers of the Stake Board and Teresa Gulliford of St. Albans Ward.

★ For 24 hours starting on Friday, June 9, the Stake held a YWMIA Camp Workshop. It was attended by young women from the Stake who have been called to act as camp counsellors at the joint British South Mission and London Stake YWMIA camp to be held in the New Forest in August.

The programme included a camp fire

Fireside at the London Temple

★ In order to encourage members to become more interested in the temple and temple work, President Buckmiller said some time ago that he would be pleased to speak to fireside groups that might like to journey to the temple grounds on a Sunday evening. Taking him at his word Bishop McKeown of

the **North London Ward** authorised the MIA to get a group together.

Accordingly, with Margaret Best in charge of planning and transportation, the project got under way. "Could they rent a coach and fill it," someone asked. It seemed doubtful but with trepidation a forty-seater coach was hired for the evening of May 7. Sister Best produced forty tickets but sales were slow until several of the missionaries requested tickets. Then it was announced that tickets were going rapidly and anyone wanting them would have to hurry. The demand reached forty.

"Another coach?" A new supply of tickets, a second coach, and a total of eighty-four people, many of them investigators, made the trip to the temple grounds and enjoyed the fire-side talk in the Manor House! A great effort well rewarded for both President Buckmiller and President Parsons spoke, explaining the place of priesthood ordinances in the Lord's plan of salvation.

After question time the meeting concluded with a moving rendition of "The Lord's Prayer" by Elder Harkness. Refreshments were served and later the coaches left for London. Everyone seemed favourably impressed and everyone thought that the trip was well worth repeating.

LEICESTER STAKE

On May 20th the Relief Society held a bazaar in conjunction with the Priesthood celebration of the Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood at **Norwich Chapel**. The Bazaar was successful and the sale of some knitwear, cakes and confectionary all made by sisters, boosted their funds.

To prevent any of the Priesthood-staying at home to watch the F.A. Cup Final a television set was obtained so

that they could view the game together. After the t.v. final the Mel chezidek Priesthood challenged the Aaronic Priesthood to a game of football. After an arduous but enjoyable game the Elders had won by 13 goals to 11—some final!

★ **Nottingham Ward** Sunday School Outing to Wickstead Park on June 18 had all the ingredients of success. Children enjoyed swings, slides, a water splash, a boating lake and a pets' corner and their happiness made everyone's day.

The following Saturday after an exhausting week of collection and sorting, the Ward held a very successful Jumble Sale at the Meadows Community Centre which realised over £40.

★ The Stake Swimming Gala was held at the Vestry Street Baths at **Leicester** on June 3. Keen competition and a vociferous crowd of supporters encouraged **Nottingham Ward** to win most points, with **Leicester** coming 2nd and **Walsall** 3rd.

★ During the dance on the evening of May 7 at the Stake House, a Fashion Parade was presented by the Stake YWMIA. Five girls took part; Maureen Cuthbert, Denise Stone, Anne Stead, Jo Bray and Jane Johnson. The girls, who modelled clothes they had made, were introduced by compere Penelope Bernard. New professional model grace and poise on the stage was followed by a dash to change within a few minutes ready for their next appearance, and still they managed to look amazingly calm and unruffled. Josephine Green, designed the stage setting.

★ The primary children of **Walsall** spent a happy day at Dudley Zoo on May 17, despite the rain which drove

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them to the pleasures of fish and chips instead of the outdoor picnic they had brought. Weather accepted they were able to enjoy a damp trip on the miniature railway as well as the facilities of the zoo.

In contrast beautiful weather prevailed the MIA ramble to Barr Beacon on June 6.

★ For the Can Night Social on May 31 the weather was not so important, but there was both warmth and fun in

an evening which ended with a performance of the play entered in the Stake Drama Festival.

★ The Stake Drama Festival took place at the **Derby Chapel** this year on May 31. Three Wards entered plays. Ernest Hooker from **Nuneaton** was the adjudicator, and awarded first place to Walsall for their performance of "Cato's Daughter."

★ During May a Stake Priesthood Father and Sons' Dinner was held at Nottingham Chapel. The meal prepared by Irene Swinscoe of Mansfield and served by MIA girls from the Stake was voted a great success.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ Three sisters from **Stourbridge Branch** were presented with four David O. McKay awards by President George I. Cannon at the 2nd Quarterly Conference at the **Kidderminster Chapel** on June 4th.

The story behind their awards is inspiring. Sister Jean Hale had been inactive for two years and the after a visit by Elders she and her sister, June, who was not then a member, renewed their interest in the Church. Jean became a local missionary and laboured with her sister until the latter's baptism.

Almost at once June became a local missionary too and both began to teach their Mother about the faith and she too was baptised within a few weeks.

Jean Hale is now Y.W.M.I.A. President and her sister June is M.I.A. Secretary. Their mother, Sister F. Hale, is now the Relief Society President. So from one

dormant member we have three valuable and active members gaining much from their efforts.

Sister Margaret Prosser had also been inactive for over two years, but returned of her own accord one morning to Sunday School. She is training to be a nurse and while at work she talked to a friend, Sandra Edwards, and introduced her to the Elders and worked with them teaching Sandra the gospel. Soon Sandra was baptised and became a local missionary herself.

A most inspiring District Sunday School Convention was held on 24th June at **Northampton Chapel** and was followed by eleven baptisms. Five from Northampton and six from Bedford. A great throng attended this happy event.

THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

ETERNAL LIFE

"Eternal life is that kind of life which our Father in Heaven possesses. For he who has eternal life must have the kind of life that God has, for he is eternal."

—President Joseph Fielding Smith

EVIL

"Does any one think the Lord will be pleased with us if by any act of ours we allow evil to come nearer to our doors?"

—Joseph F. Merrill

RESURRECTION

"All men will come from the grave as they lie down, whether old or young; there will not be 'added unto their stature one cubit,' neither taken from it; all will be raised by the power of God, having spirit in their bodies, and not blood."

—The Prophet Joseph Smith

OBEDIENCE

"There is no place in a sound world for lawlessness and disorder and chaos. Every man must spend his strength in searching out law, so that he may have the joy of obeying it."

—John A. Widtsoe

MORTALITY

"This life is the schoolroom of our journey through eternity. There is work to do and lessons to learn that we might prepare and qualify ourselves to go into the spiritual existence to follow."

—Howard W. Hunter

GOSPEL

"The principles of the restored gospel as revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith are the surest, safest guide to mortal man."

—President David O. McKay

STAR NEWS . . .

SOUTHAMPTON BRANCH

Brother Geoffrey G. Clench recently talked to the Bitterne and Woolston Rotary Club at one of their weekly luncheons. The occasion began at 1 p.m. and 50 members of the Rotary Club attended. After lunch Brother Clench was introduced by the President of the Woolston and Bitterne branch, Rotarian Buckle, and the talk on the principles of Genealogy took twenty minutes. These principles were presented from the point of view that the Rotarians present were about to commence tracing their own ancestry. In an attempt to introduce the excellent L.D.S. recording forms used for genealogy, Brother Clench told the gathering that he was in fact a Mormon.

The address was made interesting by the use of visual aids in the form of charts and printed volumes of parish registers from Brother Clench's own personal library.

In the question period that followed it was clear that a great deal of interest had been aroused. Later a vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed in a manner that left no doubt as to the appreciation of the speaker's efforts.

162 NEW AMERICANS RETURN TO U.K.

A group of former English Saints have returned temporarily to their homeland from Salt Lake City, Utah.

All these Saints are members of the **British Missions Association** and are sponsored by them, and they arrived at London Airport at 6 a.m. on July 14th.

Altogether they will be spending four weeks in Great Britain and will undoubtedly visit their relatives and friends and also call in on the local Wards and Stakes.



Henry Talbot, hero of a ship-board drama reported in British News, earlier in this issue.

★ Aaronic Priesthood members from the Liverpool District had a very energetic weekend on May 5-6, when they gathered for a social at the **Liverpool** chapel on the Friday evening. All the fun and games only served to make them more enthusiastic. They all turned out again on the Saturday for a ramble round Parbold and Apsley Bridge, ending with a grand outdoor cookout and sing-song at night.

★ The closing social of the **Rugby Relief Society** was held on June 14th at Sister Thorpe's house and was highlighted by the visit of Brother and Sister Silver of Denver. Sister Silver was formerly Ruth S. Smith, a missionary in the Old Birmingham District and much enjoyed recalling happy memories with Rugby, Coventry and Northampton Saints. Previously they had visited the Northampton Chapel.

On Tuesday, 20th June, Sister Wood from Rugby gave a cake icing demonstration to the Northampton Relief Society Sister.

★ It couldn't have been for Christmas or New Year, and it certainly wasn't anybody's birthday, but who needs an excuse to have a party? Members of the **Eccles** Branch of the Preston District certainly don't. Earlier this year the imaginatively decorated hall of the Eccles Branch was the setting for a happy get-together of members and friends. Appetites were satisfied with bangers and mash prepared by the MIA.

The high spot of the evening, however, was the entertainment provided by "The Southerners," a folk-singing group from **Blackburn** Branch who had kindly agreed to appear at Eccles. Members of the branch also took the opportunity to show their literary and musical talents, thus ensuring that the evening was a great success.



The Southerners in action.

Parents and children

by

Thorpe B. Isaacson
of the First Presidency

★ I am thinking of the divinely appointed responsibility of parents, the sobering counsel is given to us that "... they shall also teach their children to pray, and to walk uprightly before the Lord." (D. & C. 68:28.) These and many other scriptures make it crystal-clear the heaven-imposed responsibilities of teaching our children properly. If we fail in our duty toward them, we are weakening the foundation of our own influence.

Marriage is the gateway through which a man or woman obtains personal experience in human relationships. Parenthood is the opportunity for putting that experience to heavenly and practical use. It is a God-given right for parents to have children so that they can give them intelligent mental, moral, and spiritual training. Parent love is beautiful, but parent love combined with intelligent discipline is the force that turns children into great characters. Misdirected and misguided offspring result in one of civilisation's appalling wastes and present-day problems. Good citizens are necessary to civilisation, but good parents are obligatory if civilisation is to continue.

Hard work

We hear very little nowadays about the strength of character that our forefathers drilled into their children. In those days, a boy grew up with the understanding that he could get somewhere in this world through hard work, rather than looking for short-cuts. Promotion was considered on performance, results, ability, and talent. Parents implanted in their children a desire for sound knowledge and a yearning for excellence and a willingness for hard work. The sense of personal responsibility was as basic as love itself.

Somewhere in our recent past, many

of us have adopted the idea that a father's firm influence is not essential in the raising of children. All too often father's role in family discipline has been dismissed to, "You ask your mother." This may be all right with daughters, but with a son, it is an invitation to disaster. A boy who grows up unable to look to his father for guidance and decision and help will not have much respect for authority whatever its source.

Lack of influence

Ninety per cent of the youngsters who have had troubles are the products of homes where the father's influence was lacking. As unattractive as the task may seem, a father is the guiding director of the family; and when he fails in his job, there can be only chaos and trouble. Should a father surrender to his wife his own position as head of the household, then the results may be the same.

Faithful parents are entitled to the inspiration of the Lord. What would we do as parents without that inspiration? But sometimes parents do not have the courage to follow that inspiration, and they yield, when they should stand firm.

There should be well-established rules of behaviour for growing boys and girls. The word "no" is now practically obsolete. Is it wrong for youngsters to have to toe the line? Discipline — why, we all need discipline! Someone has said that respect is no longer a part of the everyday living. The lack of discipline will bring a lack of respect. Are parents smart to give in? Would we not be better parents if we put our "foot down"? Youngsters are still youngsters, perhaps immature. They need so much help and so much counsel. They have a lot to learn, but

as parents we should not be afraid to teach them.

Perhaps we should let our youngsters know that they are supposed to achieve—they will be required to work, and that celebration comes only after victory, accomplishment, and achievement. A sensible youngster does not necessarily want his freedom. All he wants and needs is love, and he knows deep down in his heart that the people who love him the most are the ones who will have the courage to say "no." Discipline—yes, it is necessary to save our youngsters from themselves!

There is no strength comparable to the strength of a nation whose people know the meaning of sacrifice. Some parents say, "We do not want our youngsters to sacrifice." Young people should be taught the meaning and the law of sacrifice. They will have to pay a price for success. The price of success is high, but it is not nearly so high as the price of failure!

Leisure time

The proper use of leisure time is very important, and the proper use of it has been the means of helping many young men and women to greatness.

I recently heard someone say, talking about television, that it was a good way to kill time. Then I thought at that time of what Thoreau once said: "As if you could kill time without injuring eternity."

Of course, we as parents cannot blame all juvenile delinquency on television. We must take the responsibility in the home. Make no mistake about that. Most parents love their children and want them to have as much freedom as is necessary, but as Sam Levenson says, "We don't want the Bill of Rights to turn into the rights of Billy."

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"It is a fulltime job to be decent"—to be decent to everybody all the time. To be decent is to cease bitterness, jealousy, and hate, to refrain from gossip, refrain from backbiting, and from passing on untrue comments and unreliable stories about another, to be considerate, thoughtful, and sympathetic. After all, everyone that I know of already has a very heavy load to carry.

Remember, young people, there is a price for success, but the price of success is not nearly so high as the price of failure. Remember, young people, that you are holding our hearts and your future in your hands.

I want to bear my testimony to the Lord for his kindness and mercies to me, for his blessings, for help and his guidance. I know that this is the true Church of Jesus Christ. I know that God lives, that he is our Father. I know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, our beloved Saviour and Redeemer.

I wonder how near we can get to our Heavenly Father and to our Saviour. I know from my own experience that when I can become humble, it is possible for me to get very close to the Lord. I know that there is divine inspiration and revelation in the Church today. I know that our beloved President David O. McKay, a prophet of God, is at the head of the Church. I know he is inspired of the Lord. I know that the priesthood is in the Church today, and that inspiration and revelation in the Church today is as strong or stronger than we have ever known it before.

May God bless us that we may live up to the standards of this beautiful Gospel, to this Church through which the teaching comes.

CONGRATULATIONS

A Ruby Wedding celebration

in

The North British Mission

★ On April 15 Brother and Sister Hogg celebrated their Ruby wedding with a party held in the cultural hall of the **Wirral Chapel**. A very surprise guest to the party was Pres. Alvine Greene who was Mission President to the Northwest area when the mission home was in Manchester. To Brother and Sister Hogg, the "flying" visit meant even more, for they knew President Greene many years ago when he was a young missionary.

Many brothers and sisters made donations to the building fund instead of giving presents to the happy couple, even so there were still many beautiful and useful gifts on display. Especially beautiful was the ruby wedding cake made by Sister Blocksidge. The whole affair showed the greatest credit to the sisters of the Relief Society who catered and helped to organise this memorable event.

★ Danish TV picked up the story when a grenade exploded on board a ship. This news coverage put Harry Talbot of the **West Hartlepool Ward** in the spotlight for he was instrumental in saving the lives of two of his shipmates. (see photo on page 56)

One man was seriously wounded with shrapnel and Harry applied first aid, until the man could be taken off the ship by rescue helicopter. The other sailor was blown overboard by the explosion and Harry was the only crew member who spotted him in the water.

FREEDOM'S CHALLENGE

Bishop Victor L. Brown

★ I was invited to speak to a group of high school students recently. They were members of a service club, the motto of which is "Fulfil Freedom's Challenge." I suppose there is no subject discussed more frequently today than that of freedom. There are many approaches to this topic.

As I stood before this group of eager young men and looked into their faces, I couldn't help feeling that if they could catch the full significance of the meaning of this motto and put it into practice, their success in life would be assured.

"Fulfil Freedom's Challenge." Freedom means many things to many people. May I illustrate one kind of freedom that came to my mind as I visited with these young men by telling you of a friend of mine who sold his freedom for a social custom. This young man had started up the ladder of success, and it appeared that nothing could stop him. I don't know of anyone who had brighter or more promising prospects for a successful career.

Social drinking

Then, one day, he made the decision that if he were really to succeed, he must accept social drinking as a part of his life, and so he did. I am sure that to begin with, he found the taste unpalatable. However, it wasn't long before he began to look forward to the cocktail hour, and then the cocktail hour couldn't come soon enough. Finally, he became a slave to alcohol, losing his wife, his friends, and his

job. The last time I saw him, though still a young man, he looked twice his age. He was without work. He was finding it necessary to ask for a hand-out from his friends. He had lost everything that was worth living for.

Sold soul

The day I was called to be a bishop of a ward several years ago, I received a telephone call, asking if I could come to help dissuade a woman from taking her life. I wish every young woman in this Church could have been by my side during that interview. This woman, the daughter of a bishop, the former wife of another leader in the Church, and the mother of two teen-age youngsters had sold her soul for the bottle. During her more or less sober moments, when she reflected upon what she had done with her life, she could see no purpose for living.

Now, my young friends, don't think for one moment that those problems came on this man and this woman overnight. They found themselves in these situations after many weeks, months, and even years of merely being "one of the gang," of succumbing to the pressures of their neighbours, friends, and associates, of not wanting to be different. In all of my experience, I have never seen anyone more in bondage, with less freedom than these two individuals.

You don't give up your freedom all at once—this kind of freedom at any rate. You give it up a little at a time, and all it takes is a start. If there is

never a start, there is no concern about giving it up.

Each of you would gladly give your life, if necessary, to keep your country free. What are you willing to give to remain free from this so-called social custom that destroys so many boys and girls, men and women?

"Fulfil Freedom's Challenge." As I stood before those students, how I hoped they would recognise that they would have to determine in their own minds and hearts what kind of men they were going to be, how susceptible they would be to the accepted practices and habits of the world.

Smoking habit

Many millions of dollars are spent by tobacco companies in an effort to entice the young people into taking up the habit of smoking. Medical science today is substantiating the claims which have been made for many years, that the use of tobacco is injurious to one's health, but it is not from this viewpoint that I wish to discuss it.

Just last week I had occasion to be driving with a man who took a cigarette out of his pocket, put it in his mouth, lighted it, and then threw it away. He turned to me, and said, "Did you see what I just did? I didn't want a cigarette. I have stopped smoking, but look what I did."

Why, I have known some men who have stopped smoking every Monday morning for weeks.

One of the most common social practices in the world is the use of tobacco.

If you young men and women will ask an honest person who is a confirmed smoker whether or not he has denied himself a freedom by the use of tobacco, he will tell you he is enslaved to this habit.

The other day a man came to our

offices to discuss a business proposition. At the conclusion of our meeting, we learned that he had recently been elected executive vice-president and treasurer of his company. Now, this company is international in scope. It does over four hundred million dollars worth of business each year.

Rise to success

In discussing his rise to such an important position in the business world, he quietly and humbly said, "You know, I have never found it necessary to smoke a big cigar or indulge in cock-tails. I have just followed what my father taught me when I was a boy and tried to live the way my mother wanted me to live. And I haven't found that it has hurt me a bit."

On one occasion, the chairman of the board of directors of a large corporation, the largest of its kind in the United States with retail outlets from coast to coast and border to border, called one of his vice-presidents on the telephone and said, "Will you please come to my office right away, and bring your two boys." These two boys were also associated with this company.

As the three men entered the chairman's office, he introduced them to a man who they learned was one of the great financiers from New York City. As the chairman of the board introduced these three men, he said to this financier, "These are the kind of men we want to build our company around."

Now, why do you suppose he would make such a statement, because these three men neither use tobacco or liquor? I doubt it. I am confident that many of the men in this company do not use tobacco and liquor. Then, why? Because they are Latter-day Saints? They all are, but no doubt this was the

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reason. I think this business executive wanted to build his great company around men such as these three because they are men of character. They have personal standards, and they have the backbone to live these standards no matter where they are or whom they are with. These men are strong enough to resist the pressures of social customs rather than compromise their own principles, and this man knew they could be relied upon.

The dropouts

There is yet another group who were not present at this meeting. As a matter of fact, I am afraid the motto, "Fulfil Freedom's Challenge," would have little interest for them. They are known as dropouts. They are the ones who for one reason or another leave school without obtaining their diplomas. It is my feeling that this group of young men and young women are choosing to become enslaved to a life of mediocrity, and the tragic fact about this is that not only are they entering into this deplorable condition, but they are probably going to take many of their children with them. If they could only foresee the opportunities and rewards that will pass them by because of their decision to be satisfied with a minimal preparation for life! It is essential that each person these decisions rests with himself. John Oxenham has written:

"To every man there openeth
A Way, and Ways, and a Way,
And the High Soul climbs the High
recognise that the responsibility for
way,

And the Low Soul gropes the Low;
And in between, on the misty
flats,
The rest drift to and fro.
But to every man there openeth
A High way and a Low,
And every man decideth
The Way his soul shall go."

What a wonderful thing it would be if all young people of this generation decided that mediocrity would not touch their lives but rather that excellence in all things would be their ambition. John W. Gardner, president of the Carnegie Corporation, spoke of excellence in this way:

Honour excellence

"The most important moral of all is that excellence is where you find it. I would extend this generalisation to cover not just higher education but all education from the vocational high school to the graduate school. ... We must learn to honour excellence (indeed to demand it) in every socially accepted human activity, however humble the activity, and to scorn shoddiness, however exalted the activity. ... An excellent plumber is infinitely more admirable than an incompetent philosopher. The society which scorns excellence in plumbing because plumbing is a humble activity, and tolerates shoddiness in philosophy because it is an exalted activity will have neither good plumbing nor good philosophy. Neither its pipes nor its theories will hold water."

Freedom of choice is a basic principle of the Gospel. This was true even before the earth was created. Each one of us has the divinely granted right to choose for himself. In choosing, we have the responsibility to use our intellect, which also has been given to us by our Heavenly Father. He has shown us the way; now it is our responsibility to choose which way we will go.

A visit with the Callisters

by Gwen Cannon

★ Every home has a spirit, an atmosphere that permeates each crevice and corner, reflecting the lives of those who live there. It is an attitude of mind, a feeling, something you sense as you enter.

The spirit of the Reed E. Callister home, the British Mission home in London, is one of warmth, friendship and love. You see it in the faces of the elders as they work at their desks. You are aware of it as Sister Callister calls to her daughter, Susan, who is home from school with a sore throat. You recognise it as a young elder, new in the field, comes in to ask a question. You sense it as President Callister tells you of his beginnings as president of the British Mission. They care about people, and you know this as you visit with them in their home.

They have had interesting, active lives of service in the Church and community. President Callister is an attorney but has also many hobbies and interests. He likes good music

and enjoys a fine collection of records. He is an enthusiastic photographer and gardener. Perhaps his greatest love other than his family or the Gospel is his large collection of rare books.

President Callister received the first Distinguished Service Award presented by Brigham Young University. He was responsible for influencing a client, George Barratt, to present the university with property valued at a million and a half dollars.

His wife, Norinne Richards Callister, has worked on the Red Cross Board, was president of the National Charity League and service chairman of H.E.L.P., an organisation which gives financial assistance to individuals needing medical care. She has been president of a Parent-Teachers' Association and chairman of the Community Chest. She was a member of P.E.O., a social and philanthropic organisation for women.

The Callisters have four sons, two daughters and seven grandchildren. Two of their sons, Reed and Douglas, are attorneys in California and are responsible for their father's practice while he is in Great Britain. David is a doctor, serving in the armed forces in El Paso, Texas. Tad was recently released from the Eastern States Mission where he served as assistant to the president. He has returned to Brigham Young University.

The Callisters are proud parents. They have enjoyed raising a family and feel the importance of setting a good example of the way family life should be conducted in the homes of Church members.



The Callister family enjoying a music session.

The responsibility to proclaim

by

President Joseph Fielding Smith

★ I am grateful for the coming of the Prophet Joseph Smith and the restoration of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in this the greatest of all dispensations—the greatest, because it is the last. I am also made aware of the responsibility which rests upon us, the elders of Israel, to proclaim the words of eternal life as they have been revealed from the heavens for the benefit of all the inhabitants of the world. We are sending missionaries to practically every country on the globe, except perhaps those where the lives of missionaries would be in grave danger and their message misunderstood. This obligation of declaring the words of eternal life devolves upon us by divine decree, given by the Lord to the Prophet Joseph Smith in November 1831 in the following words:

No escape

"Hearken, O ye people of my church, saith the voice of him who dwells on high, and whose eyes are upon all men; yea, verily I say: Hearken ye people from afar; and ye that are upon the islands of the sea, listen together.

"For verily the voice of the Lord is unto all men, and there is none to escape; and there is no eye that shall not see, neither ear that shall not hear, neither heart that shall not be penetrated.

"And the rebellious shall be pierced

with much sorrow; for their iniquities shall be spoken upon the housetops, and their secret acts shall be revealed.

"And the voice of warning shall be unto all people, by the mouths of my disciples, whom I have chosen in these last days.

"And they shall go forth and none shall stay them, for I the Lord have commanded them." (D. & C. 1:1-5)

World Wide

It is because of this commandment which the Lord gave to the Church through the Prophet Joseph Smith that our missionaries are sent to all parts of the world. We are fulfilling the edict of the Son of God. Moreover, this is in fulfillment of the promise He made to His apostles just preceding His crucifixion, when He declared to them:

"And again this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come, or the destruction of the wicked;

"And immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

"Verily, I say unto you, this generation, in which these things shall be shown forth, shall not pass away until all I have told you shall be fulfilled." (Joseph Smith 1:31-34)

The Lord has made great promises through His servants concerning these times. To Jeremiah the Lord said in speaking of this dispensation:

"Behold, the days come, saith the

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Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

"Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them saith the Lord;

"But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Forgiveness

"And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." (Jer. 31:31-34)

In order that this prophecy may be fulfilled, many members of the Church will need to repent and be more diligent in the study of the scriptures and in their prayers and obedience to the laws and commandments of the Gospel. If they fail to do these things they will be cut off from the presence of the Lord in that great day when He shall descend as Lord of lords and King of kings to take His place and sit on His throne to rule and reign.

The Prophet Joseph Smith once said: "The great plan of salvation is a theme which ought to occupy our strict attention, and be regarded as one of heaven's best gifts to mankind. No consideration whatever ought to deter

us from showing ourselves approved in the sight of God, according to His divine requirement. Men not unfrequently forget that they are dependent upon heaven for every blessing which they are permitted to enjoy, and that for every opportunity granted them they are to give an account. You know, brethren, that when the master in the Savior's parable of the stewards called his servants before him he gave them several talents to improve on while he should tarry abroad for a little season, and when he returned he called for an accounting. So it is now. Our Master is absent only for a little season, and at the end of it he will call each to render an account; and where five talents were bestowed, ten will be required; and he that has made no improvement will be cast out as an unprofitable servant, while the faithful will enjoy everlasting honours. Therefore, we earnestly implore the grace of our Father to rest upon you through Jesus Christ his Son that you may not faint in the hour of temptation, nor be overcome in the time of persecution." (DHC 2, 23-24)

From heaven

The Prophet Joseph Smith in one of his discourses said the following:

"... If God should speak from heaven, he would command you not to steal, not to commit adultery, not to covet, nor deceive, but be faithful over a few things. As far as we degenerate from God, we descend to the devil and lose knowledge, and without knowledge, we cannot be saved, and while our hearts are filled with evil, and we are studying evil, there is no room in our hearts for good, or studying good. Is not God good? Then you be good; if he is faithful, then you be faithful. Add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, and seek for every good thing.

"... A man is saved no faster than

he gets knowledge, for if he does not get knowledge, he will be brought into captivity by some evil power in the other world, as evil spirits will have more knowledge, and consequently more power than many men who are on the earth. Hence it needs revelation to assist us, and give us knowledge of the things of God." (Ibid., 4, 588)

Evil-design

How true this statement is. Today we are troubled by evil-designing persons who are endeavouring with all their power to destroy the testimonies of members of the Church, and many members of the Church are in danger because of lack of understanding and because they have not sought the guidance of the Spirit of the Lord. Every baptised member of the Church receives the gift of the Holy Ghost, by the laying on of hands. This, however, will not save them unless they continue in the spirit of light and truth.

Fundamental truths

Therefore is is a commandment from the Lord that members of the Church should be diligent in their activities and study of the fundamental truths of the Gospel as it has been revealed. The Spirit of the Lord will not continue to strive with the indifferent, with the wayward and the rebellious who fail to live within the light of divine truth. It is the privilege of every baptised person to have an abiding testimony of the restoration of the Gospel, but this testimony will grow dim and eventually disappear unless we are constantly receiving spiritual good through study, obedience, and diligent seeking to know and understand the truth.

May the Spirit of the Lord be our constant companion, and may we one and all be true to our covenants and obligations devolving upon us through our membership in the Church.

NEWS FROM SCOTLAND

★ A dinner dance was held in the **Dundee East** Branch at the end of April. After an early disaster when the electric cookers failed due to overloading a delicious meal was enjoyed by 65 happy dancers. That Brother and Sister George Ross had to include their own lunch for the following day in the menu to cater for the unexpected crowd was commendable and it ensured that everyone was amply catered for.

After the meal a cabaret followed also produced by the MIA girls and Charles Day. This took the form of a trip back to the roaring twenties, complete with Charleston dresses and headgear and of course the "Charleston." After the cabaret everyone was ready to dance again, if not exactly all night, at least well into the evening.

★ After working hard for several years the **Dundee East** Branch were told that their part of the debt on the building had been cleared and that Elder Mark E. Petersen of the Council of the Twelve would dedicate it on May 2.

The chapel and lounge were filled to capacity on that evening and everyone present was truly uplifted by the inspired talk given by Elder Petersen. The dedicatory prayer will always serve as a reminder to them that all their comings and goings will henceforth be in the name of the Lord.

The dedication took place only a few days before John Floyd who had been branch president for one and a half years, left Dundee to take up a new job in London. His family will follow in a few weeks time.

CONGRATULATIONS



Millenial Star regrets that due to the pressure on space over the last few issues it has had to hold over many announcements of Marriages and Births. Now we can publish all we have been sent and our hearty good wishes go to all concerned.

★ March 11.—To Michael and Margaret Street, Scarborough Branch North British Mission, a son Paul Michael.

★ March 11. — To **Harold and Hezel Grant, Cleethorpes** Branch, North British Mission, a son, Lee. And at the same place and on the same day their first grandchild, a daughter, Helen, to their daughter, Dene. Double congratulations!

★ March 29.—To **John and Zandra Lee, Scunthorpe** Branch, North British Mission, a son, Nathan John.

★ March 27. — To **Antony and Lorna Tremlett, Scunthorpe** Branch, North British Mission, a son, Peter.

★ March 27. — To **Gordon and Ruth Roberts, Liverpool** Branch, North British Mission, a daughter, Karen.

★ April 9. — To **Brother and Sister Cowley, Widnes Runcorn** Branch, North British Mission, a daughter, Jean Allison.

★ April 10. — To Brother and Sister Clinton Lee, Southend Branch, British Mission, a daughter, Alison Jane.

★ April 17. — To Roger and Patricia Jones, Reading Branch, British South Mission, a son, Dean Keith.

★ April 25. — To **President and Sister Herbert, Medway** Branch, British Mission, a daughter, Ruth Anne.

★ April 28.—To **President P. McRae and Sister M. McRae, Aberdeen** Branch, Scottish Mission, a daughter.

★ May 6.—To Andrew and Jean Innes, Thurso Branch, Scottish Mission, a daughter, Rachel Mary Elizabeth.

★ May 11. — To Alfred (John) and Brenda Wallis, Chelmsford Branch, British Mission, a daughter, Angela Mary.

★ May 17. — To Ramon and Chloe Pestrige, Reading Branch, British South Mission, a daughter, Sarah Joanna.

★ May 23. — To Bishop and Sister McKim, Springburn Ward, Glasgow Stake, a daughter, Deborah Helen.

★ May 24. — To Colin and Barbara Birt, Chester Branch, Central British Mission, a daughter, Judith Jane.

★ May 29.—To Dorothy and Andrew Wynne, Chester Branch, Central British Mission, a daughter, Diane Louise.

★ June 7.—To Kenneth and Christine Cheeseman, Stafford Branch, Central British Mission, a son, Christopher James.

★ June 18. — To Michael and Ester Read, Walsall Branch, Leicester Stake, a son, Andrew Michael.

★ June 20.—To John and Gloria Finlay, Reading Branch, British South Mission, a son, Sean Cowan.



William Gardner married Christine Helps in West Hartlepool on April 29.

ENGAGEMENTS

★ **Stuart Bourne**, youngest son of Brother and Sister Bourne of **Liverpool**, to **Sandra Ferguson** of Ontario, Canada. Stuart served as a building missionary in Rochdale for two years before emigrating to Canada in 1965.

★ **Linda Fleming** of **Southport** Branch to **Larry Fleming** of Los Angeles. They plan to marry in October, when her parents will be visiting with the Charter Flight.

★ **Zigmund James Peacock** of **Liverpool** to **Carol Ann Pearce** of **Salt Lake**. Elder Peacock served as a building missionary in Oldham before emigrating to Salt Lake with his family in 1964. He also served a proselyting mission in Scotland from 1965 to 1967 and returned home to Granger, Utah, earlier this year.

★ **Margaret Hull** and **David Hogg** of the **Mitcham** Branch.

★ On March 25, **Lilyann Bruce** of **Aberdeen** Branch became engaged to **Alistair Rae**. Alistair is in London for a year at the Royal Military School of Music. His regiment is the Gordon Highlanders. They plan to be married in the temple in October of 1968.

★ From **Aberdeen** Branch comes the news of three engagements. They are: **Lorna Andrew** to **George Bowie**, **Isabelle Sutherland** to **John Donaldson**, and **Christine Fyfe** to **David Yule**. All plan to be married in the temple next year.

★ **Raymond Bottesell** of **Basildon** and **Jane Olivia Hayes** of **Southend**.

★ **Eileen Lansdell**, a former member of the North Shields Branch, Sunderland Stake, to **Kenneth Holmes** of Toronto 2nd Ward in Ontario, Canada.

★ **Doreen Stevens**, Sunderland Ward to **James Simpson Laurie**, of West Hartlepool Ward.

WEDDINGS

★ **Pamela Alice Houghton** and **Walter Woods** both of the Gorleston Branch were married in the new Lowestoft Chapel on March 25. The bride looked radiant in a full-length white lace dress, with a cascade of Spanish frills falling from the waist down the back. The three young bridesmaids, Penny and Mandy Fenwick and Georgina Barron, wore dresses of a similar style in kingfisher blue. Len Webster was the best man. The ceremony was performed by Eric Daniels, president of the Gorleston Branch. The choir sang by special request, "How near to the Angels." The reception took place in the cultural hall and consisted of a four-course dinner for almost 100 guests; this was prepared by the Relief Society, and the young girls from Lowestoft MIA acted as waitresses. Following the reception the guests danced to music played by Keith Shaw and his quartet.

★ **Joan Baldwin** of Bournemouth was married to **Colin Summerskill** at the Poole Chapel on April 1. The reception was held in the cultural hall.

★ **Charles Geoffrey Greaves** was married to **Mary Patricia Grimshaw** at the East Leeds Branch Chapel on Saturday March 4 1967. A photograph appears on page 70.

★ **Anne Banks** married **James Thomson** on March 18. We publish this photograph (Below) of their springtime wedding in summertime and their happiness adds greater light to all our days.

Provided by Bishop Arthur Herbertson of Glasgow, the photograph was taken at the reception which followed the wedding ceremonies.



★ The marriage of **William Handforth** and **Valerie Burgoyne**, both of Manchester Ward, took place on March 25 at the stake centre, followed by a reception at the Manchester Ward Cultural Hall (Below) A photograph of their happy day.



★ **Charles Geoffrey Greaves** and **Sister Mary Grimshaw** after their wedding in the East Leeds Branch Chapel on March 4. A March wind has taken Mary's veil and blown it about—undoubtedly for our photographers benefit.



★ **Joan Baldwin** of Bournemouth was married to **Colin Summerskill** at the Poole Chapel on April 1. The reception was held in the cultural hall. The wedding guests gathered together for this photograph.



INTERESTING PEOPLE



... ALEXANDER STUART BAULD— McLellan Cup Winner

★ Alexander Stuart Bauld recently won the Glasgow Junior Chamber of Commerce McLellan Cup for public speaking. This cup is a yearly competition for college students all over Scotland. His subject was "We Can Learn From History."

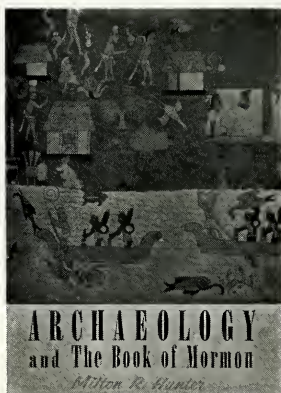
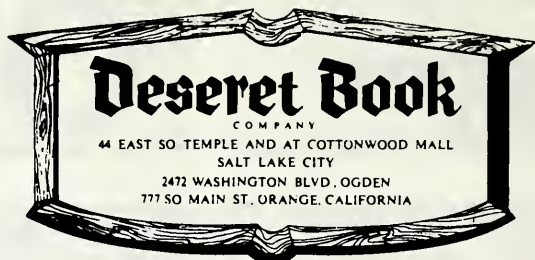
Alexander has been a member of the church just over three years. In that time he has earned three individual Aaronic Priesthood Awards, served as councillor in the M.I.A. as well as

Y.M.M.I.A. president. He gained a superior rating in the Stake Speech Festival in recent months.

Brother Bauld is eighteen years old, an avid volley ball and basket ball player. He has written a roadshow script and his bishop reports that he is active in all phases of church life. Bishop Herbertson, Springburn Ward, Glasgow Stake has said "Brother Bauld bears strong testimony to the restored Gospel."



The McLellan Cup and a feeling of real pride are revealed in this photograph of this month's most interesting person, Alexander Bauld.



Archaeology and the Book of Mormon

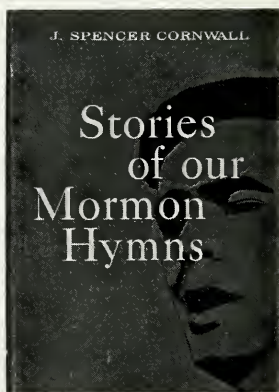
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CHOIR TO SING IN CANADA

★ The Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir will sing at the World's Fair in Montreal, Canada, during this month (August) writes our Salt Lake correspondent.

The giant exposition, which will include exhibits from 70 nations, will mark Canada's 100th anniversary. Choir director, Richard P. Condie, will conduct the noted musical group in several concerts at the fair. The choir is also scheduled to present a concert the latter part of March in Phoenix, Arizona, sponsored by 10 stakes in the Phoenix region.

PRIMARY APPOINTS BOARD MEMBER

★ Mrs. Arthur H. Strong of Salt Lake City has been appointed to the Primary General Board, according to Gen. Pres. LaVern W. Parmley.

The new board member and her husband returned last year from Argentina where Pres. Strong presided over the Argentine Mission. Mrs. Strong, who is the former Nedra Heward, directed the Primary Association in the branches and districts of the mission. She previously filled a mission to Argentina.

NAMED TO YMMIA GENERAL BOARD

★ A former member of the British Mission presidency was recently appointed to the general board of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association.

Stanford W. Bird was named to the position by YMMIA Gen. Supt. G. Carlos Smith Jr.

While in England Brother Bird served as first counsellor under Pres. T. Bowring Woodbury and Pres. Marion D. Hanks. He spent 11 years in New Zealand and Europe on work missions for the Church.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTED

★ The names of 31 members of the reorganised general board of the Deseret Sunday School Union Board have been announced by Gen. Supt. David Lawrence McKay.

Board members include Mrs. Claribel Aldous, Dr. Ruel A. Allred, Dr. J. Hugh Baird, Catherine Bowles, John S. Boyden, Marshal T. Burton, Herald L. Carlston, Clavin C. Cook, Robert M. Cundick, Reed C. Durham Jr., Dr. Robert L. Egbert, Dr. Henry Eyring, Richard E. Folland, Elmer J. Hartvigsen, Dr. A. Laurence Lyon, Dr. Thomas J. Parmley, Dean A. Peterson, Willis S. Peterson, Dr. Blaine R. Porter, Warren E. Pugh, Wayne F. Richards, G. Robert Ruff, Dr. Alexander Schreiner, Joseph F. Smith Jr., Mrs. Donna D. Sorensen, Lorin F. Wheelwright, Frank S. Wise, Clarence E. Wonnacott, Ralph Woodward, Dr. Ethna Reid and Dr. Victor Cline.

News from Elsewhere

ASSEMBLY HALL GETS FACE LIFTING

★ Remodelling of the Assembly Hall on Temple Square in Salt Lake City is in the final stages, according to Emil Fetzer, head of the engineering department, Church Building Committee.

Outside painting and repair work was completed last year on the 87-year-old structure. Inside, workmen have been installing a new fire prevention sprinkling system; they will also lower the rostrum, install a permanent pulpit, repair the floors, paint the interior of the building, and lay new carpeting.

LION HOUSE TO BE REMODELLED

★ The Lion House, historic home of President Brigham Young, will be remodelled and redecorated in Salt Lake City, according to Mark B. Garff, chairman of the Church Building Committee.

The renovating project will be supervised by Gen. Pres. Florence S. Jacobsen of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association.

"GROVE" RECONSTRUCTED IN SALT LAKE

★ Workmen have been reconstructing a large likeness of the Sacred Grove in the new Visitors' Centre on Temple Square in Salt Lake City.

The grove is patterned after the grove near Palmyra, New York, where the Prophet Joseph Smith saw God and Christ in 1820.

In the Visitors' Centre artificial trees will be constructed of nearly the exact likenesses of trees found in the grove in New York.

TEACHER TO YWMIA GENERAL BOARD

★ Joyce Nelson, a teacher in the Provo City Schools, has been called to serve as a member of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association General Board, according to Gen. Pres. Florence S. Jacobsen.

HOSPITAL DIRECTOR BEGINS ASSIGNMENT

★ Kenneth C. Johnson, who has been assistant administrator at Latter-day Saints Hospital in Salt Lake City, has been named as the new administrator of the Primary Children's Hospital.

Mr. Johnson is first counsellor in the North Eighteenth Ward bishopric of Ensign Stake.

Hearing the voice

★ About a year ago I was reading in the Doctrine and Covenants and came upon a verse of one of the sections. I suppose everybody has an experience of the type I had as I read. I think the Prophet had such an experience the day he read, "If any man lack wisdom let him ask of God" (See James 1:5), for that scripture leaped at him; and so this one leaped at me. For a year or so I have been reading it off and on, contemplating it. Now I should like to read it to you, but first I should like to give it its framework.

Back in 1829 the Lord, through the Prophet Joseph Smith, said there would be appointed twelve disciples, which of course we know as apostles, and He appointed two of the three witnesses to choose them. And then He did a thing which to me is remarkable. He began to instruct the Twelve before they were chosen, and after having instructed them He then gave them this verse. In 1835 the Twelve were chosen, as you know, and on one

occasion they were called together and given their instructions. Oliver Cowdery was the spokesman; and after having given them some very powerful and heartwarming instruction, so moved was he, himself, that he had to stop two or three times to weep. He finally read the revelation to which I refer and this verse.

Brigham Young was so impressed by it that he copied it in his laborious handwriting into his diary. I am impressed by it likewise. These are the words:

"These words are not of men nor of man, but of me; wherefore, you shall testify they are of me and not of man;

"For it is my voice which speaketh them unto you; [now this is six years later that they are hearing it] for they are given by my Spirit unto you, and by my power you can read them one to another; and save it were by my power you could not have them"; And this is the verse—"Wherefore, you can testify that you have heard my voice, and know my words." (D. & C. 18:34-36.)

Special testimony

The thing that impresses me about this is when I read a verse in the Doctrine and Covenants I am hearing the voice of the Lord as well as reading His words, if I hear by the Spirit.

Now I have heard it said many times by men that they have often asked the Lord for a special testimony and oftentimes haven't had it. They seem to want to hear the voice of the Lord. I confess I have often wanted to hear the voice of the Lord, without knowing that all these years I have been hearing it with deaf ears. This woke me up.

I can testify that, having read, I hear the voice of the Lord.

Millennial Star Short Story Contest

★ To stimulate creative writing among members of the Church in Great Britain, the Millennial Star is conducting a short story contest. Members of the Church are invited to enter their work in this contest which opens in July and which will close on November 1, 1967. After the entries are judged, the top three stories will be published in the Millennial Star. The Millennial Star reserves the right to publish from time to time any of the other stories entered in the contest. All entries will become the property of the Millennial Star but will be returned.

RULES FOR THE CONTEST

1. This contest is open to all members of the Church in Great Britain.
2. Only one story may be submitted by each contestant.
3. The story must not exceed 3,000 words in length and preferably be typed.
4. The contestant's name is not to appear anywhere on the manuscript, but a cover sheet on which is written the contestant's name and address is to be enclosed with the story attached, preferably by staple.
5. A signed statement should accompany each story submitted certifying:
 - a. That the author is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
 - b. That it has not been published. That it is not in the hands of an editor or other person with a view to publication and that it will not be published nor submitted elsewhere for publication until the contest results are published.
6. No explanatory material or picture is to accompany the story.

JUDGING

The judges shall consist of the Managing Editor of the Millennial Star and two members of the Board of Directors of the Deseret Enterprises.

In evaluating the stories, consideration will be given to the following points:

- a. Characters and their presentation.
- b. Plot development.
- c. Message of the story and compliance with LDS standards.
- d. Writing style.

All entries are to be addressed to Millennial Star Short Story Contest, Deseret Enterprises, 288 London Road, Mitcham, Surrey, England.

Certificates will be presented to all who submit stories. Special certificates of merit will be given to first, second and third place winners.

Prophecies

THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORDS HOME

(August 6, 1842)

Isaiah said of
Our far distant day,
The mountain of the Lord's
House should be
Established in
The midst of mountains,
In the mountain top.
He spoke of time
Almost three thousand years away.

Then, from a barrel standing by,
The prophet dipped a cup of water
Cooled with ice.
He sipped a little of the
Cooling draft,
And said:
Be careful not to drink too much.
This water
Is like the water flowing
Free from mountain peaks.
I see
The mighty Rockies crowned
With snow
Eternally; I see their flowing
Crystal streams.
And to those far off
Valleys of the mountain heights,
The saints will go,
And there they'll grow into
A mighty people,

As Joseph stood among his friends
At Montrose on that day in
Summer, eighteen forty-two,
The heat of early August
Heavy on the land,
Fair was the day,
And humid,
The moisture dripping from each brow,
Their faces red.
(The corn grows well in
Such hot, moistured air.)

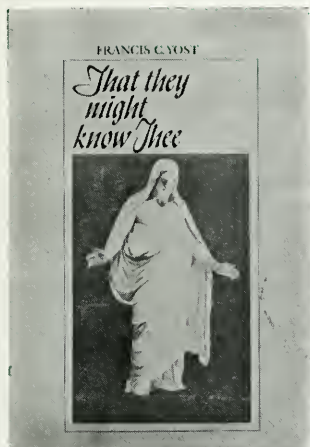
No more to face the infamy
Of wicked men.
Then they'll be free
To worship God.
But first the mobs will
Drive them thence from
Here. Then some will die,
Those dear ones,
Overcome by hardship on the way,
And others live to see
That new day
Dawn and help to build
The cities of that land.
The mobs will drive you far
From this fair shore
And Nauvoo be no more.

The prophet's face shone with
Transparent, white,
Prophetic light.
With awe, those present there
Could see
Him lost in vision of the
Prophecy.

THOUGHTS FOR NOW

The importance of women in the church

1. When God our Father created man he created him in two parts. Neither of which could be complete without the other.
2. The complete man was created male and female.
3. Both men and women have the same basic right to fulfill the destiny which God our Father meant for them to reach.
4. The common ground where men and women fulfill destiny is in the home.
5. Each one contributes to the home something which the other cannot give; without each contribution the home is off balance, out of harmony, unsuccessful.
6. It is for the priesthood to preside, but to do it with consultation, love, faith, devotion, and consideration.
7. It is for the woman to obey when presided over with love, faith, devotion, consideration—and consultation.
8. The truly inspired decisions made in the home are jointly made with husband and wife contributing ideas and suggestions, coming to unity by free acceptance of unified thoughts and suggestions.



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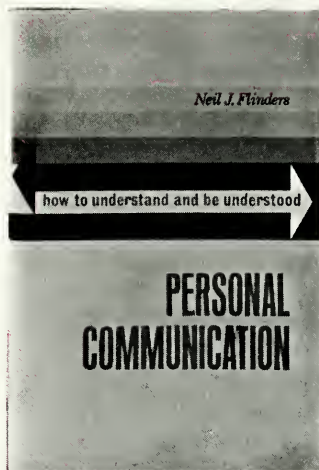
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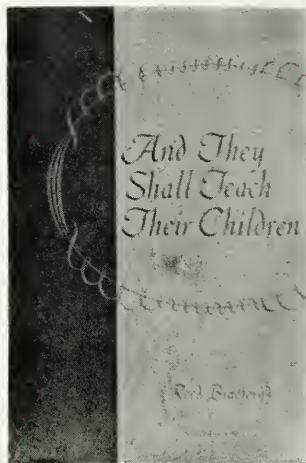
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